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# The Story of CREATION

FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS CHAPTER 1  
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In The  
Beginning  
GOD  
Created The  
Heaven And  
The Earth

And The  
Earth Was  
Without Form,  
And Void;  
And Darkness  
Was Upon The  
Face Of  
The Deep

And God Said:-

LET THERE BE  
LIGHT!- AND THE  
LIGHT SHALL BE  
CALLED DAY AND  
DARKNESS  
NIGHT!

AND GOD SAW THE LIGHT,  
THAT IT WAS GOOD ...

GOD MADE THE HEAVENS  
AND THE EARTH ON THE  
SECOND AND THIRD DAYS,  
AND THEN ...

THERE SHALL BE  
VEGETATION--GRASS,  
AND HERBS AND  
FRUIT!

ON THE FOURTH, FIFTH AND  
SIXTH DAYS, GOD CREATED  
THE SUN, MOON AND STARS,  
AND MADE THE FISH, BIRDS  
AND BEASTS!

BE FRUITFUL  
AND MULTIPLY!



ON THE SIXTH DAY ALSO GOD MADE MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS, THE BREATH OF LIFE--THEN GOD PLACED HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, WHICH MEANS PLEASANTNESS.

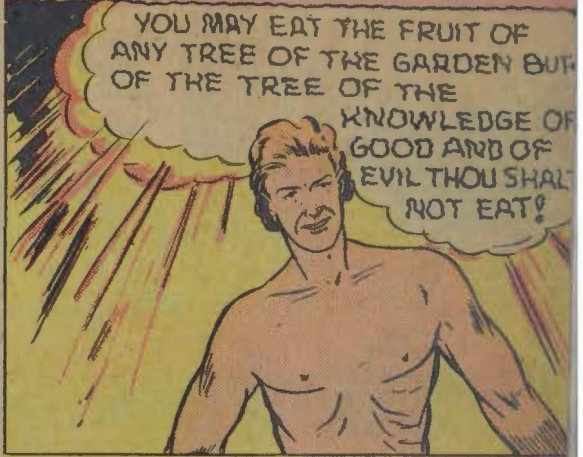
THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL WORLD!

LET MAN HAVE DOMINION OVER ALL THE EARTH!

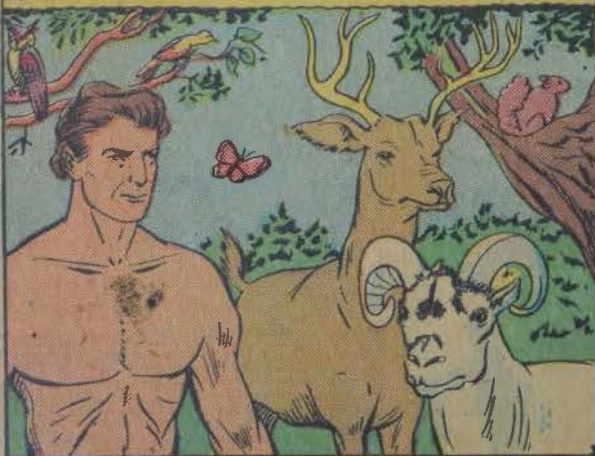


GOD ASKED ONLY ONE THING OF ADAM FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS--AND THAT WAS STRICT OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL----

YOU MAY EAT THE FRUIT OF ANY TREE OF THE GARDEN BUT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND OF EVIL THOU SHALT NOT EAT!



THE FIRST MAN IN THE WORLD, CALLED ADAM, HAD TO GIVE NAMES TO ALL THE LIVING CREATURES ---



AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED HIS WORK AND RESTED--AND GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY--AND MADE IT HOLY--BECAUSE ON THAT DAY HE RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK

BUT ADAM WAS LONESOME; SO GOD CAUSED HIM TO SLEEP, AND TOOK ONE OF ADAM'S RIBS AND MADE A WOMAN

AWAKE, ADAM! YOU WILL NOT BE LONELY NOW FOR WE ARE TO BE MAN AND WIFE!



YOU ARE BONE OF MY BONE AND FLESH OF MY FLESH --I WILL CALL YOU EVE AND YOU SHALL BE MOTHER OF ALL LIVING---



AND AS ADAM SHOWED EVE ABOUT THE GARDEN OF EDEN, THEY CAME UPON THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE---

THIS IS THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT!

BUT IT LOOKS SO GOOD, ADAM!





THE SERPENT, WHO HATED THE LORD GOD, TRIED TO MAKE EVE DISOBEY BY TELLING HER LIES ABOUT THE FRUIT...

SERPENT, WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME?

THAT FRUIT IS FORBIDDEN-- BUT I TELL YOU IT IS GOOD!

IF YOU EAT IT, YOU WILL BECOME VERY WISE AND KNOW ALL ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD-- TAKE A BITE!

NO -- THE LORD GOD SAID I MUST NOT!

JUST ONE BITE! THAT CAN'T DO ANY HARM!

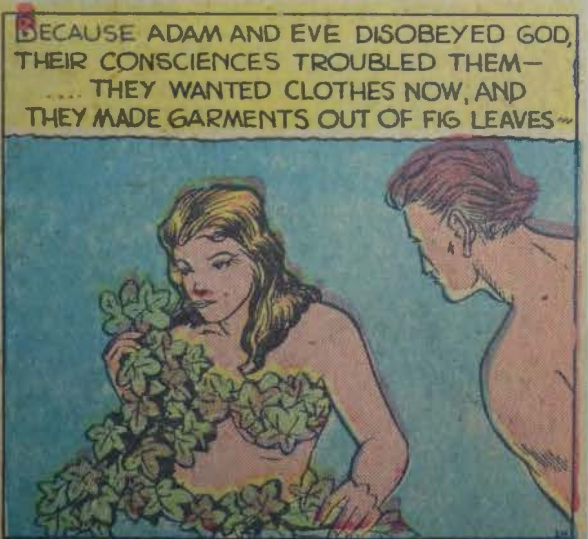
HA! HA! SHE'S TEMPTED!

ADAM! ADAM! WAIT-- TASTE THIS FRUIT! IT'S GOOD!

GOD WON'T KNOW IF WE TAKE JUST ONE BITE!

HMM IT IS GOOD!

BECAUSE ADAM AND EVE DISOBEYED GOD, THEIR CONSCIENCES TROUBLED THEM-- THEY WANTED CLOTHES NOW, AND THEY MADE GARMENTS OUT OF FIG LEAVES...





**LATER**

IT'S GOD!  
HIDE,  
ADAM!

ADAM!  
ADAM!

HAVE YOU EATEN OF THE  
FRUIT I COMMANDED YOU  
NOT TO EAT?

EVE GAVE ME  
SOME, AND I  
DID EAT!

WHAT IS THIS YOU  
HAVE DONE?

O LORD,  
THE SERPENT  
TEMPTED ME  
AND I ATE!

YOU DISOBEYED ME!  
NOW YOU SHALL BOTH KNOW  
SUFFERING! FROM NOW ON  
YOU SHALL EARN YOUR LIVING  
BY HARD WORK! IN THE SWEAT  
OF YOUR FACE SHALL  
YOU EAT BREAD!

BEHOLD, YOU ARE BECOME  
ONE OF US, TO KNOW THE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD  
AND EVIL-AND NOW-YOU ARE  
BANISHED FROM THE GARDEN  
OF EDEN! GO!

LATER WHEN  
THEY HAD  
LEFT EDEN,  
TWO SONS  
WERE BORN  
TO ADAM  
AND EVE--  
THEIR  
NAMES WERE  
CAIN  
AND  
ABEL

WHEN I GROW  
UP I'LL WORK IN  
A FIELD. I LIKE  
TO WATCH  
THINGS GROW--

I'LL HAVE A  
FLOCK OF SHEEP!  
I LIKE  
ANIMALS.







**LATER**





AFTER LONG WANDERINGS, CAIN WENT TO THE LAND OF NOD EAST OF EDEN. HERE HE FOUND AND TOOK UNTO HIMSELF A WIFE...

I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE!

YES, CAIN, PERHAPS YOU MAY FIND PEACE!



A SON IS BORN TO THEM

AND YOUR FATHER HAS NAMED YOU ENOCH!



LATER ON, CAIN BUILT A CITY...

I'M GOING TO BUILD A MIGHTY CITY, ENOCH, AND NAME IT AFTER YOU!

WILL HE REALLY DO IT?



MEANWHILE, GOD, TAKING PITY ON ADAM AND EVE, SENT THEM A THIRD SON, SETH...

ADAM! WE ARE TO HAVE ANOTHER SON!

A CHILD TO COMFORT OUR LONELINESS - WE'LL NAME HIM SETH!



LATER, MANY MORE SONS AND DAUGHTERS WERE BORN TO THEM AND TO SETH...



**ADAM AND HIS**  
DESCENDANTS LIVED TO GRAND OLD AGES . . . . .

AND AS MEN BEGAN TO MULTIPLY ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH, THEY TOOK WIVES, AND SOME OF THE CHILDREN BORN TO THEM BECAME MIGHTY BIBLE HEROES, LIKE NOAH, ABRAHAM AND MOSES . . . . .

for

\*THERE WERE GIANTS ON THE EARTH IN THOSE DAYS\* . . . . .



# NOAH

## AND HIS ARK

ARRANGED FROM THE STORY OF  
NOAH IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS  
CHAPTERS 6 THROUGH 9,  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS

\* CALLED "NOE"  
IN THE  
DOUAY BIBLE

GOD SAW THAT WICKEDNESS WAS GREAT  
ON EARTH, AND GRIEVED---

I WILL DESTROY MAN AND  
BEAST AND ALL CREEPING THINGS  
- FOWLS OF THE AIR - FOR I AM  
SORRY THAT I HAVE MADE THEM!



BUT ONE MAN ALONE WAS UPRIGHT, AND  
LOVED HIS GOD- HE WAS NOAH---

MY SONS, SHEM, HAM  
AND JAPHETH, LOVE THY  
GOD ALWAYS, AND, DO WHAT  
IS GOOD AND RIGHT!



GOD, IN HIS DISPLEASURE,  
SAID TO NOAH---

THE END OF ALL FLESH  
IS COME! FOR THE EARTH  
IS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE  
THROUGH THEM.  
BEHOLD- I WILL  
DESTROY EVERYTHING!



YOU I SHALL SPARE!  
MAKE AN ARK OF  
GOPHER-WOOD, THREE  
STORIES HIGH- MAKE  
ROOMS IN IT- CUT A DOOR  
AND MAKE ONLY ONE  
WINDOW!

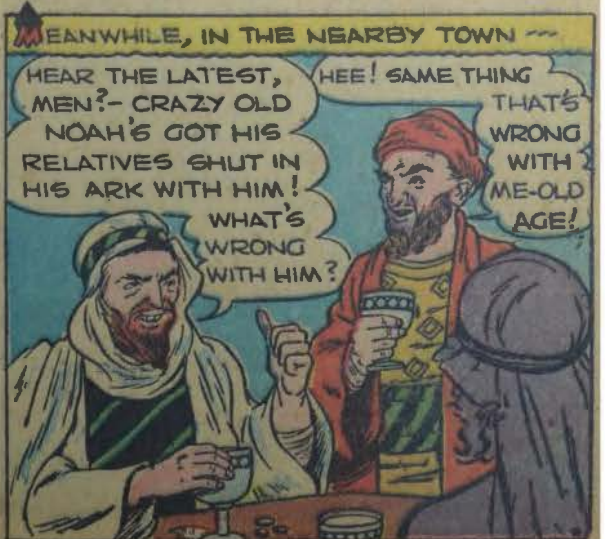
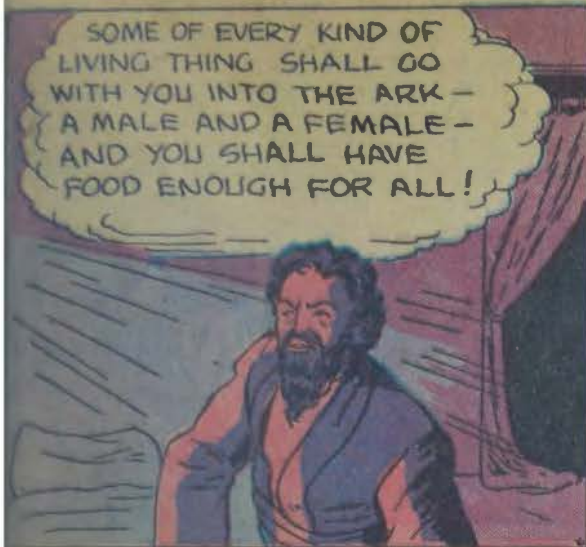


MUST I  
GO  
ALONE?

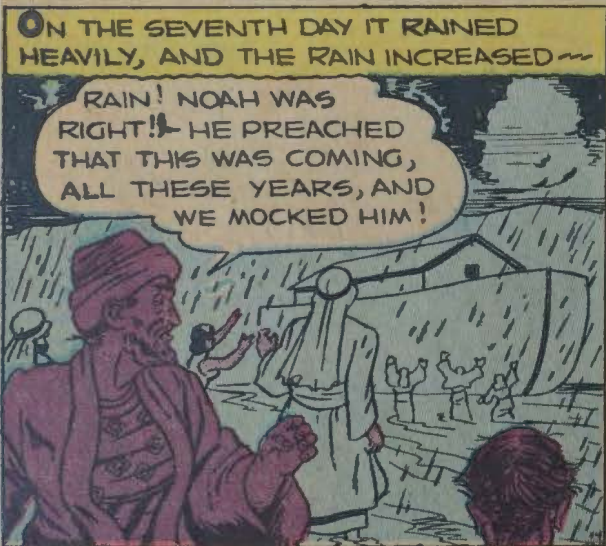
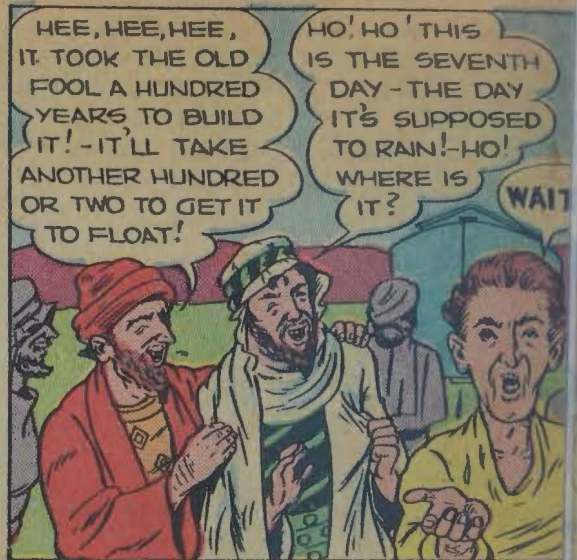
WHEN I  
SEND THE  
FLOOD, YOU  
AND YOUR  
SONS AND ALL  
YOUR RELATIVES  
SHALL GO WITH YOU  
INTO THE ARK, AND  
YOU SHALL TAKE  
FOOD FOR ALL!













ALL LIVING THINGS DIED ON THE GROUND—EVEN THE FOWLS OF THE AIR—



BUT GOD FORGOT NOT NOAH AND THOSE WITHIN THE ARK—



SO, AFTER FORTY DAYS, GOD STOPPED THE STORM AND THE WATERS ROSE NO HIGHER—



SO THE ARK, AFTER 150 DAYS, RESTED ON A MOUNT NAMED ARARAT—





BUT THE RAVEN IS BEWILDERED!  
HE FINDS NO LAND, AND FLIES  
IN CIRCLES ~~~~



NOW, I SHALL  
SEND FORTH THE  
DOVE TO SEEK LAND  
WHICH WAS NOT  
BEEN YESTERDAY!



LATER, THE DOVE COMES BACK ~~~~

WE MUST  
WAIT AGAIN —  
WE SHALL  
WAIT ANOTHER  
SEVEN DAYS!



SO THE DOVE WAS RELEASED ONCE  
AGAIN AND FLEW OFF AND WAS  
GONE. BUT THIS TIME IT FOUND LAND



LOOK! - THE  
DOVE HAS BROUGHT  
▲ LEAF! - IT IS A  
SIGN OF LAND!

YES!



SO WE KNOW  
THAT THE WATERS  
ARE GOING DOWN,  
AND THAT LAND ONCE  
AGAIN IS APPEARING!

THEN WE MAY  
SOON LEAVE  
THE ARK AND  
MAKE NEW  
HOMES FOR  
US ALL!

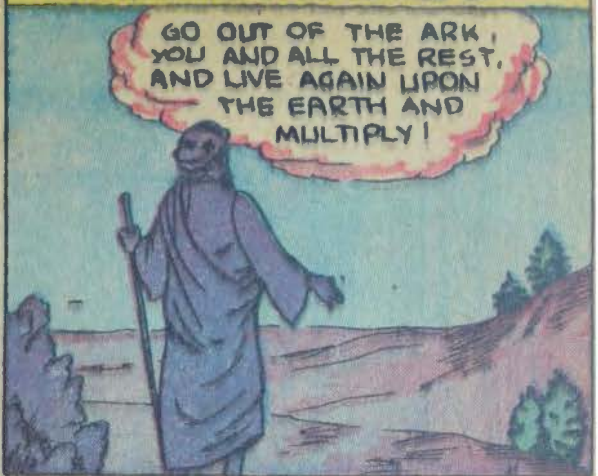




SOON THE WATERS WENT DOWN,  
LEAVING THE ARK ON TOP OF MOUNT  
ARARAT ~~~



THEN GOD SPOKE TO NOAH ONCE  
AGAIN, AS THE EARTH DRIED UP ~~~



GO OUT OF THE ARK,  
YOU AND ALL THE REST,  
AND LIVE AGAIN UPON  
THE EARTH AND  
MULTIPLY!

NEVER AGAIN WILL THE  
WORLD BE FLOODED- IN  
THIS WAY SHALL I NEVER  
AGAIN DESTROY THE EARTH  
-IT IS MY PLEDGE TO YOU,  
NOAH, AND YOUR  
DESCENDANTS!



NOAH AND HIS SONS AND THEIR CHILD-  
REN AND ALL THE LIVING CREATURES  
LEAVE THE ARK ~~~



THE LORD SPEAKS AGAIN ~~~

IT SHALL BE A TOKEN TO YOU  
THAT MANKIND WILL NOT  
BE DESTROYED, BUT WILL  
LIVE IN HOPE OF A BETTER  
WORLD!



SO THE RAINBOW OF HOPE WAS BORN  
AND POINTED THE WAY TO NOAH ~~~





SO THE WORLD WAS CLEANSED,  
AND THE SONS OF NOAH BUILT NEW  
HOMES, AND ALL THE CREATURES  
MULTIPLIED AND INHABITED THE EARTH...



AND GOD TOLD NOAH AND HIS SONS  
TO BE FRUITFUL, AND BLESSED  
THEM ALL, AND GAVE THEM LAWS TO  
LIVE BY ....



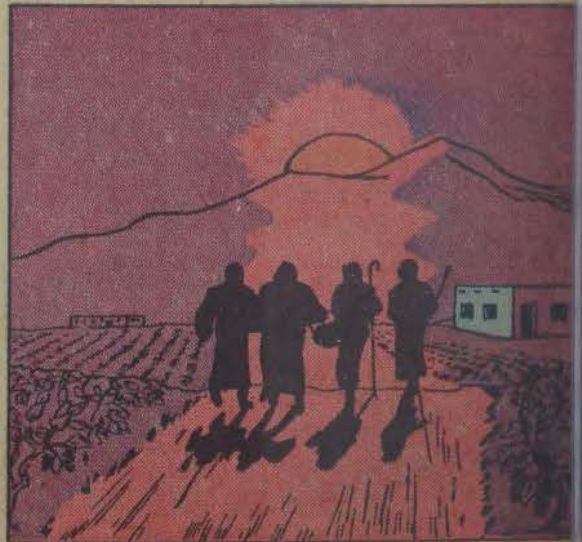
REPLENISH THE EARTH,  
BUT KILL YOU NOT ONE  
ANOTHER! - FOR WHO SHEDS  
BLOOD, HIS BLOOD  
SHALL BE SHED  
ALSO!

NOAH FULFILLS GOD'S COMMANDS...  
IN HIS OLD AGE HE PLANTS A VINEYARD!



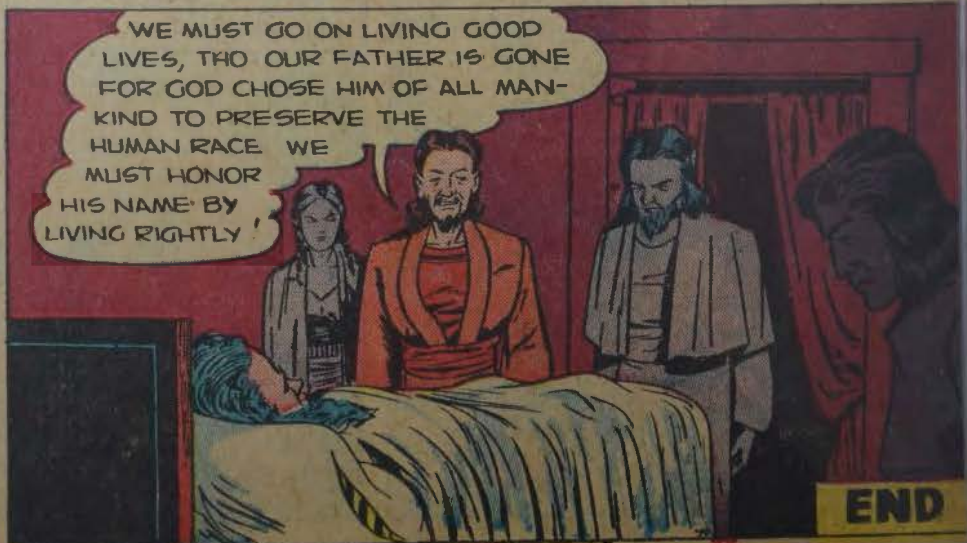
FATHER, ARE  
YOU HAPPY  
NOW?

YES, LET  
US GO HOME,  
MY SONS!



NOAH LIVED  
TO BE  
NINE HUNDRED  
AND  
FIFTY YEARS  
OLD AND  
THEN HE  
DIED  
.....

WE MUST GO ON LIVING GOOD  
LIVES, THO OUR FATHER IS GONE  
FOR GOD CHOSE HIM OF ALL MAN-  
KIND TO PRESERVE THE  
HUMAN RACE WE  
MUST HONOR  
HIS NAME BY  
LIVING RIGHTLY!



END



# The Story of ABRAHAM

## THE FOUNDER OF THE HEBREW NATION

ABRAHAM WAS CALLED ABRAM ("ESTEEMED OR HIGH FATHER") IN THE EARLY YEARS OF HIS LIFE - HIS NAME WAS CHANGED TO ABRAHAM, MEANING "FATHER OF A MULTITUDE" WHEN GOD PROMISED HIM AND HIS DESCENDANTS THE LAND OF CANAAN ~~~

FROM THE BOOK OF  
GENESIS CHAP. XI  
THRU CHAP. XV - KING  
JAMES, DOUAY AND  
J.P.S.A. VERSIONS ~~~

TERAH, THE FATHER OF ABRAM, LIVED HAPPILY IN CHALDEA, WITH HIS THREE SONS, ABRAM'S WIFE, SARAI, AND THEIR NEPHEW, LOT ~~~



BUT WHEN HARAN, ONE OF ABRAM'S BROTHERS DIED, THE FAMILY GREW RESTLESS ~~~

YES, SINCE MY SON HARAN DIED, I AM NO LONGER HAPPY HERE!

WE COULD FIND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!

LET US GO TO OTHER LANDS!



SO THEY ALL LEFT THE CITY OF UR, WHERE ABRAM'S FATHER HAD BEEN WORSHIPPING FALSE GODS ~~~

YES, SARAI I HOPE I NEVER SEE THOSE IDOLS AGAIN--WE WORSHIP THE TRUE GOD!



NOW THAT WE'VE LEFT THAT IDOL-WORSHIPPING PLACE MAYBE TERAH WILL TURN FROM FALSE GODS TO THE TRUE GOD!





THEY FINALLY CAME TO THE LAND OF HARAN—HERE THEY PITCHED THEIR TENTS AND LIVED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS IN PEACE AND HAPPINESS ...

I HAVE BEEN HAPPY HERE IN THIS NEW LAND BUT I KNOW I SHALL NOT BE WITH YOU MUCH LONGER!

DON'T SAY THAT, FATHER!



TERAH DIED AT A GRAND OLD AGE -- ABRAM AND LOT MOURED HIM ...

A LONG AND USEFUL LIFE! -- I'M GLAD HE LEFT HIS FALSE GODS AND TURNED TO THE TRUE ONE!

WITH GRANDFATHER GONE OUR HOME WILL BE BROKEN UP-- WHERE SHALL I GO?



PLEASE STAY WITH US -- YOU ARE MY BROTHER'S SON, LOT, AND AS DEAR TO ME AS MY OWN. INDEED--GOD HAS GIVEN US NO OTHER CHILDREN!

DO STAY, LOT!

I'LL STAY!



AND GOD SPOKE TO ABRAM IN HIS GRIEF ...

LEAVE YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE AND GO INTO A LAND I WILL SHOW YOU-- THERE YOU SHALL FOUND A GREAT NATION--THROUGH YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED!



SO ABRAM SET OUT AGAIN WITH SARAI, LOT AND THEIR HERDS OF CATTLE AND SHEEP ...

WILL WE NEVER FIND THE PLACE WHERE WE ARE TO LIVE?

HAVE PATIENCE, LOT, GOD IS LEADING US!

I PRAY IT MAY BE TO A GREEN PASTURE LAND!



AT LAST THEY CAME TO THE FAIR LAND OF CANAAN ...

IT IS JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS I DREAMED IT WOULD BE!

IT LOOKS SO FRESH AND PEACEFUL





AND GOD APPEARED AGAIN UNTO ABRAM...



IN GRATITUDE, ABRAM BUILT AN ALTAR TO THE LORD ~



BUT NOT LONG AFTER, THERE CAME A TERRIBLE FAMINE -- ABRAM HAD TO TAKE HIS WIFE AND NEPHEW TO THE LAND OF EGYPT TO SEEK FOOD ~

HOW SHALL WE  
FEED OUR HERDS  
NOW? THE GRASS  
IS WITHERED!

WE'LL FIND  
GRASS AND  
FOOD IN EGYPT!

MUST WE  
GO THERE,  
ABRAM?



THOUGH SARAI DID NOT WANT TO GO TO EGYPT, THEY SET OUT ~

I FEAR THE WAY  
THESE MEN LOOK  
AT ME!- THEY  
ARE PHARAOH'S  
GUARDS!

THEY MAY  
WANT TO KILL  
ME IF THEY  
THINK YOU ARE  
MY WIFE--TELL THEM  
YOU ARE MY SISTER



SARAI WAS  
THE DAUGHTER OF  
ABRAM'S BROTHER,  
AND THE HEBREW  
WORD "NIECE" COULD  
ALSO MEAN "SISTER".

PHARAOH'S MEN DID SEIZE THE LOVELY SARAI ~

COME,  
WITH US!

WE'LL TAKE  
YOU TO THE  
PHARAOH!

BUT-



SHE IS  
THE SISTER  
OF ABRAM,  
FROM THE  
LAND OF  
CANAAN!

SO YOU CAME TO EGYPT FOR  
FOOD. WELL, YOU SHALL HAVE  
PLENTY-AND  
OXEN, CAMELS  
AND  
SERVANTS  
BESIDES!





OUTSIDE, ABRAM, GRIEF STRICKEN, PRAYS TO THE LORD

PLEASE SAVE SARAI! IF THE PHARAOH DISCOVERS NOW THAT SHE IS MY WIFE, HE MAY KILL US BOTH!



PHARAOH AND ALL HIS COURT WERE SUDDENLY STRICKEN WITH A GREAT PLAGUE

O SARAI, I'M SO ILL--CALL MY PHYSICIAN! --PERHAPS I'VE BEEN POISONED!

YES, SIRE!

NOT POISONED, PUNISHED!



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NEARLY THE WHOLE COURT IS ILL!

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT! --WHY DOES THE PLAGUE STRIKE THE PHARAOH'S COURT AND NO OTHER PLACE?



20

I WILL TELL YOU--I AM ABRAM'S WIFE --NOT HIS SISTER!

WHY WAS I NOT TOLD OF THIS! GUARDS, BRING ABRAM TO ME!



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SHORTLY AFTER

ABRAM, YOU MUST ASK GOD TO LIFT THIS PLAGUE! --TAKE YOUR WIFE, AND RETURN TO CANAAN. KEEP THE SHEEP AND ALL THE GIFTS I GAVE--BUT LEAVE!

WE SHALL GO THIS DAY, PHARAOH!



22

SARAI AND ABRAM LEFT, AND THE PLAGUES DISAPPEARED!

THANK GOD WE HAVE ESCAPED WITH OUR LIVES, ABRAM!

YES, SARAI!--BUT GOD HAD A PLAN IN SENDING US TO EGYPT!



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AND SO ABRAM AND HIS FAMILY RETURNED TO THE LAND OF CANAAN WITH THE PHARAOH'S GIFTS



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BACK IN CANAAN, AS THEIR FLOCKS INCREASED, LOT'S AND ABRAM'S HERDSMEN FOUGHT ABOUT THE GOOD GRAZING LAND

GET YOUR SHEEP OFF THIS LAND - WE WERE HERE FIRST!

GET YOURS OFF OR I'LL HIT YOU AGAIN!



ABRAM AND LOT BREAK UP THE FIGHTING

STOP THIS FIGHTING!

LET THERE BE NO STRIFE BETWEEN US OR OUR MEN, FOR WE ARE KINSMEN!



SEE, LOT, THERE IS PLENTY OF LAND FOR US BOTH - YOU TAKE YOUR CHOICE!



THANK YOU, UNCLE, I CHOOSE THIS FERTILE PLAIN OF JORDAN TO THE EAST!

GOOD! - THAT LAND IS FERTILE - BUT BEWARE THE WICKED MEN OF SODOM!



- AND GOD RENEWS HIS PROMISE

ALL THE LAND YOU SEE, I WILL GIVE TO YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN FOREVER - I WILL MAKE YOUR CHILDREN AS THE DUST OF THE EARTH, SO THAT IF A MAN CAN NUMBER THE DUST OF EARTH, THEN SHALL YOUR CHILDREN BE NUMBERED!





BUT LOT WITH HIS WIFE IN HIS NEW HOME SOON RAN INTO TROUBLE -- WARRING KINGS LAID WASTE THE LANDS OF SODOM AND SALEM --

TAKE ALL THEIR SHEEP!

BUT WHY ATTACK ME? I HAVEN'T HARMED YOU!

WHO IS TO STOP US?



LOT IS TAKEN PRISONER --

HERE'S A GOOD STRONG ONE - I'LL TAKE HIM FOR MY SLAVE!

OH, LOT, WHERE ARE THEY TAKING YOU?

GET WORD TO ABRAM - HE'LL SAVE US!



ONE OF LOT'S SERVANTS MANAGES TO ESCAPE --

IT'S GOOD THEY DON'T WATCH ME AS CLOSELY AS LOT - NOW TO FREE MY FEET AND FETCH HELP!



THE SERVANT MAKES HIS WAY TO ABRAM

LOT AND HIS FAMILY ARE CAPTURED - I ESCAPED AND CAME HERE TO LET YOU KNOW!

I WILL MAKE AN ARMY OUT OF MY FAITHFUL SERVANTS, AND WE'LL RESCUE LOT!



ABRAM, WITH HIS ARMED SERVANTS, RIDES TO RESCUE THE PRISONERS --



TAKE HALF THE MEN AND ATTACK FROM THE RIGHT, WHILE I STRIKE ON THE LEFT!

FINE! WE'LL THROW THEM INTO A PANIC!



THE NIGHT ATTACK CARRIES ALL BEFORE IT --

RUN! FLEE! WE ARE OVERPOWERED!





SO ABRAM RECAPTURED THE STOLEN GOODS AND SET THE PRISONERS FREE

I KNEW YOU WOULD COME AND SAVE ME, ABRAM!

WHY SHOULDN'T I? YOU ARE LIKE A SON TO ME LOT!



HE ALSO RESCUED THE GOODS AND MEN OF SALEM AND SODOM, AND MELCHIZEDEK, KING OF SALEM, WHO WAS ALSO A HIGH PRIEST, BROUGHT BREAD AND WINE, TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE TO ABRAM

BLESSED BE ABRAM OF THE MOST HIGH GOD!

BY THE RULES OF BATTLE, I CAN TAKE ALL OF THE SPOIL, BUT I WILL GIVE YOU ONE TENTH OF EVERYTHING!



BUT ABRAM WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE WICKED KING OF SODOM

YOU HAVE RESCUED MY PEOPLE AND GOODS ABRAM-KEEP THE

GOODS AS A REWARD!

NO, LEST YOU THINK THAT YOU, NOT GOD, MADE ME RICH!



AND GOD WAS GREATLY PLEASED WITH ABRAM AND WHEN ABRAM DESIRED A SON AND HEIR, THIS WAS GOD'S PROMISE--

LOOK NOW TOWARD HEAVEN AND COUNT, IF YOU CAN, THE STARS-- SO IN NUMBER SHALL YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN BE!



A DEEP SLEEP FELL ON ABRAM, AS GOD'S VOICE CONTINUED--

YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE STRANGERS AND OPPRESSED IN A LAND THAT IS NOT THEIRS BUT THEY SHALL GO FORTH AGAIN--FOR I SHALL GIVE THEM THIS LAND-- THIS IS MY COVENANT!



THIS MAP SHOWS THE JOURNEYS OF ABRAM, THE MAN OF FAITH, FROM CHALDEA TO THE LAND OF CANAAN, WHICH GOD PROMISED TO HIM AND TO HIS CHILDREN FOREVER--





# The Story of ABRAHAM

Part Two

**ABRAHAM, THROUGH HIS WISDOM AND COURAGE, BECAME A GREAT LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE, BUT IN ONE THING ONLY WAS HE DISAPPOINTED - HE HAD NO SON**

FROM THE BOOK OF  
GENESIS, CHAP. 16 THRU 21  
KING JAMES, DOUAY AND  
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VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE

**SARAI, FEARING THAT SHE COULD NOT HAVE A SON, URGED ABRAM TO TAKE A SECOND WIFE, ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF THE COUNTRY**

TAKE ANOTHER WIFE, ABRAM - HAGAR, MY EGYPTIAN MAID - PERHAPS WE MAY OBTAIN CHILDREN BY HER!

IF YOU WISH IT, SARAI!

AND SARAI AND I WILL TREAT YOUR CHILDREN AS OUR OWN, HAGAR - THEY SHALL BEAR OUR NAME, AND INHERIT ALL MY POSSESSIONS!

SO BE IT!

**BUT AFTERWARD HAGAR BEGAN TO DESPISE HER MISTRESS SARAI**

SEND HER AWAY - I CANNOT BEAR TO HAVE HER HERE ANYMORE!

DO AS YOU THINK BEST!

**WHEN SARAI PUNISHED HAGAR FOR HER INSOLENCE HAGAR FLED INTO THE WILDERNESS**

SARAI HAS BEEN CRUEL TO ME - I COULD NOT HELP BUT RUN AWAY -

RETURN TO SARAI AND DO AS SHE TELLS YOU - YOU SHALL HAVE A CHILD CALL HIM ISHMAEL - FOR THAT MEANS THE LORD HAS HEARD YOU IN YOUR TROUBLE!



**M**AGAR GIVES ABRAHAM  
A SON, ISHMAEL

AT LAST  
I HAVE A  
SON!



**L**ATER GOD SPOKE TO ABRAHAM, AND  
RENAMED HIM, ABRAHAM, AND HIS WIFE,  
SARAH

AND SARAH, TOO, SHALL GIVE  
YOU A SON, AND I WILL  
MAKE YOU THE FATHER OF  
MANY NATIONS!

BUT SARAH IS  
AN OLD WOMAN  
NOW-HOW CAN  
SHE HAVE A  
CHILD?



**O**NE HOT DAY ABRAHAM EXTENDED  
HOSPITALITY TO THREE STRANGERS WHO  
WERE REALLY ANGELS

YOU ARE A GOOD  
MAN, ABRAHAM, AND  
YOUR WIFE SARAH,  
SHALL REWARD  
YOU WITH  
A SON

HOW CAN I, AN OLD  
WOMAN, HAVE A  
CHILD?

IS  
ANYTHING  
TOO HARD  
FOR GOD?



**L**ATER...

OUR THANKS  
FOR YOUR  
HOSPITALITY!

WHICH IS THE  
ROAD TO SODOM?

I WILL SHOW  
YOU THE  
WAY!



**T**HE ANGELS  
GO ON  
THEIR WAY  
TOWARD  
THE WICKED  
CITY, BUT THE  
VOICE OF GOD  
HALTS  
ABRAHAM  
ON THE ROAD

LISTEN, ABRAHAM, I PLAN  
TO DESTROY THAT  
WICKED CITY OF  
SODOM!





**ABRAHAM IS CONCERNED ABOUT SODOM WHERE LOT AND HIS FAMILY NOW LIVE**



**ABRAHAM PLEADS FOR THE DOOMED CITY**



**ABRAHAM CONTINUES TO PLEAD WITH GOD**



**GOD GRANTS ABRAM'S LAST PLEA**



**SOON AFTERWARD, IN SODOM, LOT SEES TWO FOOTSORE TRAVELERS AT THE GATE OF THE CITY**





**B**UT THE PEOPLE OF SODOM EYE THE STRANGERS WITH COLD SUSPICION ~

WHO ARE THESE STRANGERS?

I NEVER SAW THEM BEFORE! - MAYBE THEY ARE PLOTTING AGAINST US!

THEY ARE GOING TO LOT'S HOUSE!



THAT NIGHT ~

OPEN UP!

EAT HEARTY, STRAN--OH! WHAT'S THAT!

WE WANT THOSE MEN--WE WILL BREAK DOWN THE DOOR!

DON'T BE AFRAID I'LL SMITE THEM ALL WITH BLINDNESS!

THEY ARE TRYING TO BREAK IN!



OH, MY EYES! I AM BLIND!

WHO ARE YOU, STRANGER, THAT YOU HAVE SUCH POWER?

I AM AN ANGEL OF THE LORD--SENT TO FIND TEN GOOD MEN IN SODOM--THERE IS ONLY ONE--YOURSELF!

I CANNOT SEE!-WHAT HAPPENED?



THE DISGUISED ANGELS LEAD LOT AND HIS FAMILY SAFELY OUT OF THE CITY--HARDLY HAVE THEY LEFT WHEN GOD RAINS FIRE AND BRIMSTONE ON WICKED SODOM ~

THE LORD IS DESTROYING THE CITY NOW!- YOU MUST NOT LOOK BACK!

JUST ONE LOOK!



**A**ND LOT'S WIFE, AS PUNISHMENT FOR LOOKING BACK ON SODOM, IS TURNED INTO A PILLAR OF SALT ~



**H**AVING TRIED IN VAIN TO SAVE THE SINFUL CITY OF SODOM--ABRAHAM TURNS WEARILY HOME ~

I TRIED MY BEST SARAH--AT LEAST LOT IS SAVED!





SOMETIME LATER ...



BUT SARAH HAS NO PEACE WITH HAGAR AND HER SON, ISHMAEL, IN THE HOUSE ...



THEIR WATER GONE, HAGAR AND ISHMAEL WANDER THROUGH THE WILDERNESS, THIRSTY AND EXHAUSTED ...



AN ANGEL OF GOD APPEARS AND SHOWS THEM WATER BEHIND A SHRUB ...



MEANWHILE, ABRAHAM IS HAPPY WITH SARAH AND HIS LITTLE SON ISAAC ...





# THE STORY OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS, CHAPTERS XXI THROUGH XXV  
KING JAMES, DOUAY AND JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY  
VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE

**PART  
THREE**

ABRAHAM AND SARAH FOR MANY YEARS HAD DESIRED A SON—AT LAST ISAAC WAS BORN, AND GREW UP TO BE A FINE BOY—

WHAT A GRAND  
BOY HE IS,  
ABRAHAM!

HE IS THE  
PRIDE OF  
MY LIFE,  
SARAH!

GOD DETERMINED TO TEST ABRAHAM'S FAITH—ONE DAY AS HE WAS WALKING IN A GROVE OF TREES HE HAD PLANTED—

ABRAHAM!

HERE  
I AM!

TAKE ISAAC, YOUR ONLY SON—WHOM YOU LOVE, AND GO TO A MOUNTAIN I WILL TELL YOU OF—AND THERE SACRIFICE HIM TO ME!

ABRAHAM IS STUNNED  
BY THIS COMMAND—

NOTHING WAS LACKING  
TO ME BUT A SON, AND  
EVEN THAT GOD  
GRANTED ME—  
NOW HE WANTS  
HIM BACK—IT  
IS HARD!



- BUT ABRAHAM GATHERS HIS STRENGTH TO OBEY ...

BUT LET ME ALWAYS REMEMBER, LORD, THE JOY MY CHILD HAS BROUGHT ME!--AND LET ME ALWAYS REMEMBER THE THANKS I OWE TO YOU! AND NOW GIVE ME STRENGTH TO OBEY YOUR WISH!



WHERE ARE WE GOING FATHER?

THE LORD HAS COMMANDED ME TO MAKE A SACRIFICE TO HIM--COME!

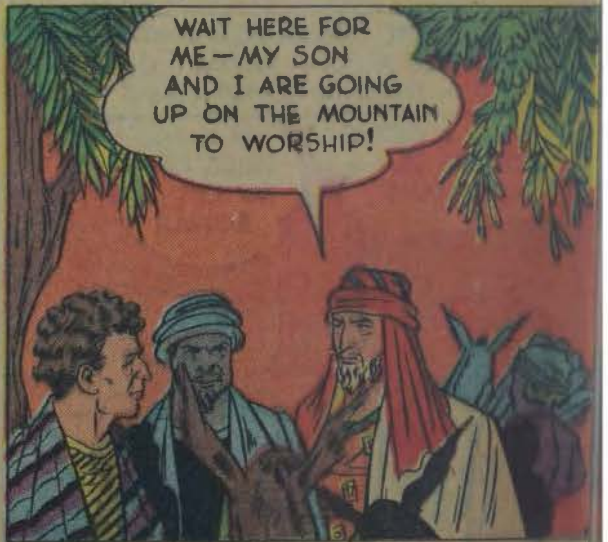


BUT WHERE IS THE LAMB FOR THE SACRIFICE, FATHER?

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE, MY SON!



WAIT HERE FOR ME--MY SON AND I ARE GOING UP ON THE MOUNTAIN TO WORSHIP!



BUT, FATHER, HOW CAN YOU MAKE A SACRIFICE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A LAMB?

MY SON, YOU ARE THE LAMB!



ISAAC WAS TERRIFIED AT FIRST, BUT ...

GOD KNEW WHAT I HELD MOST DEAR, AND THIS HE CAME IN A VISION TO ASK ME FOR! --FORGIVE ME, SON!

IF GOD BIDS YOU THEN DO IT, FATHER--I SHALL NOT BE AFRAID, FOR GOD WISHES YOUR GOOD AND MINE!







ABRAHAM AND ISAAC KNEEL IN PRAYER ~



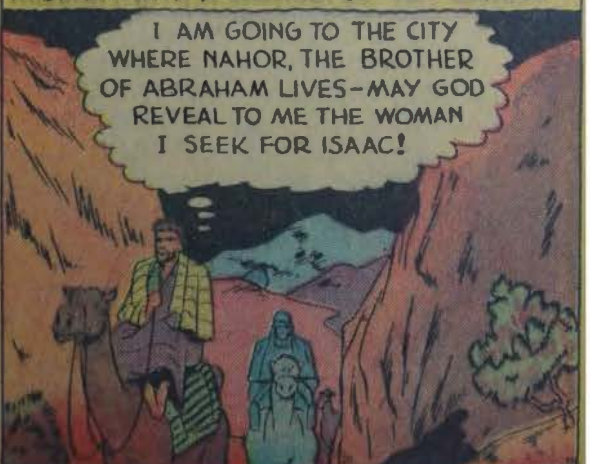
THEN ABRAHAM SAW A RAM CAUGHT IN THE THICKET BY ITS HORNS, AND SACRIFICED THE RAM ~



SARAH PASSED AWAY AND ISAAC GREW TO MANHOOD. ABRAHAM CALLED HIS SERVANT, ELIEZER ~



ABRAHAM'S SERVANT SETS OFF ON HIS MISSION WITH A CARAVAN OF TEN CAMELS ~





ABRAHAM'S SERVANT REACHES NAHOR'S CITY...

O LORD, I SHALL ASK ONE OF THESE GIRLS FOR WATER — AND IF SHE SAYS TO ME, "DRINK", AND WATERS MY CAMELS, TOO, THAT WILL BE A SIGN FROM YOU THAT SHE IS THE ONE YOU HAVE CHOSEN!



REBEKAH APPROACHES THE WELL WITH A WATER-PITCHER ON HER SHOULDER

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL! — BUT — WOULD SHE BE KIND, TOO? NOW TO TEST HER!



PLEASE GIVE ME A DRINK OF YOUR WATER — I'M THIRSTY!

GLADLY, SIR — YOU LOOK ALL HOT AND DUSTY FROM TRAVEL! — YOU MUST BE VERY TIRED!



REBEKAH MEETS THE TEST

LET ME ALSO WATER YOUR CAMELS — HOW THIRSTY THEY MUST BE!

IT IS A SIGN, O LORD! SHE IS AS GOOD AS SHE IS BEAUTIFUL!



THE SERVANT IS NOW SURE HE HAS FOUND THE RIGHT WIFE FOR ISAAC

THESE ARE GIFTS, IN GRATITUDE — TELL ME, WHOSE DAUGHTER ARE YOU?

I AM REBEKAH, NAHOR'S GRAND-DAUGHTER — MY FATHER IS BETHUEL, THE SYRIAN!



IS THERE ROOM IN YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE FOR US TO LODGE TONIGHT?

THERE IS MY BROTHER LABAN — I'LL ASK HIM!





SHE IS BETHUEL'S DAUGHTER! - HOW WONDERFUL! - BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD WHO HAS LED ME TO THE HOUSE OF ABRAHAM'S KINSMAN!



COME STRAIGHT TO OUR HOUSE! YOU ARE WELCOME! A GOOD DINNER IS READY AND FEED FOR YOUR CAMELS!

I WILL NOT EAT TILL I HAVE TOLD MY ERRAND!



### IN BETHUEL'S HOUSE

FIRST I MUST SPEAK. BETHUEL, YOUR UNCLE ABRAHAM HAS SENT ME TO FIND A WIFE FROM AMONG HIS KINSMEN, FOR HIS SON ISAAC - HE PROMISED THAT GOD WOULD GUIDE ME--



-AND WHEN I CAME TO THE WELL I ASKED GOD FOR A SIGN-WHEN REBEKAH GAVE WATER TO ME AND MY CAMELS I KNEW SHE WAS GOD'S CHOICE-WILL YOU LET HER WED HIM?



WILL YOU GO WITH THIS MAN AND MARRY ISAAC?

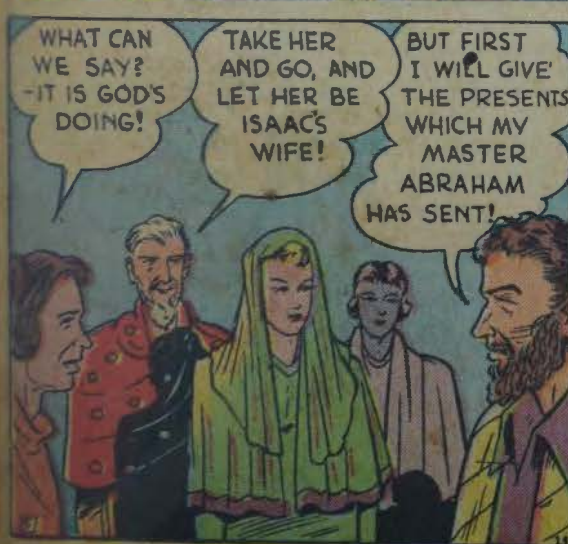
I WILL GO!



WHAT CAN WE SAY? -IT IS GOD'S DOING!

TAKE HER AND GO, AND LET HER BE ISAAC'S WIFE!

BUT FIRST I WILL GIVE THE PRESENTS WHICH MY MASTER ABRAHAM HAS SENT!



SO ABRAHAM'S SERVANT STARTED HOMEWARD WITH REBEKAH AND HER MAIDS AND A LONG TRAIN OF CAMELS ""

AND AS WE RIDE, WILL YOU TELL ME ABOUT ISAAC?





AT HOME, ISAAC WATCHED ~

ISAAC IS SO RESTLESS BUT HE SAYS NOTHING!

I WONDER WHAT SHE WILL BE LIKE!

I'VE TAKEN A LONG WALK--I'LL REST- BUT NO-- WHO'S THAT COMING?

REBEKAH WAS THE FIRST TO SPY ISAAC

WHAT MAN IS THIS THAT WALKS IN THE FIELD TO MEET US?

IT IS MY MASTER'S SON, ISAAC!

REBEKAH SHYLY VEILED HER FACE ~

MY FACE IS VEILED!-MY FUTURE HUSBAND MUST NOT SEE ME UNVEILED!

HERE SHE IS ISAAC!- HERE'S REBEKAH!

I HOPE YOU AND ABRAHAM WILL BE PLEASED WITH ME, ISAAC!

SOON WE SHALL BE AT MY FATHER'S HOUSE-

SO CHARMING!-I LOVE HER ALREADY!

ABRAHAM MEETS REBEKAH ~

WELCOME, MY DAUGHTER! NOW ISAAC WILL NOT BE LONELY ANY MORE!

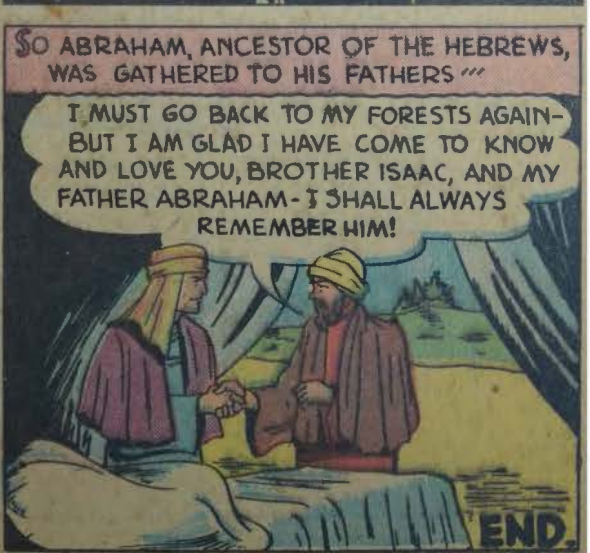
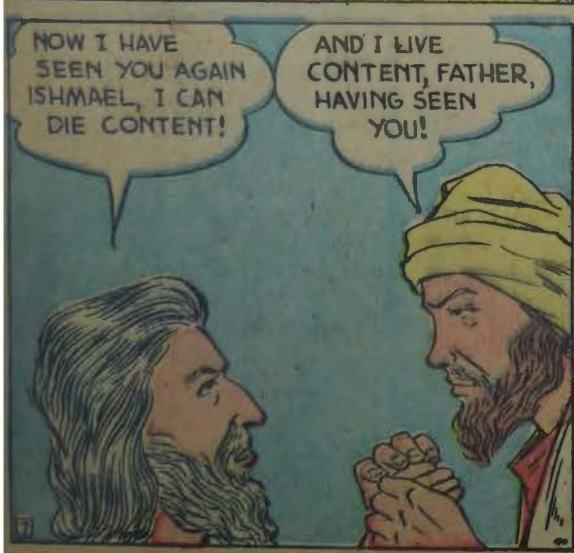
THIS TENT WAS MY MOTHER SARAH'S--NOW IT SHALL BE YOURS!



**NOW REBEKAH UNVEILS HERSELF**



AND ABRAHAM GREW OLD, AND KNEW THAT HIS LIFE WAS NEARLY OVER--HE GAVE GIFTS TO HIS OTHER SONS AND SENT THEM AWAY TO MAKE NEW HOMES FOR THEMSELVES IN THE EAST COUNTRY, AND THEN HE CALLED ISAAC TO HIM

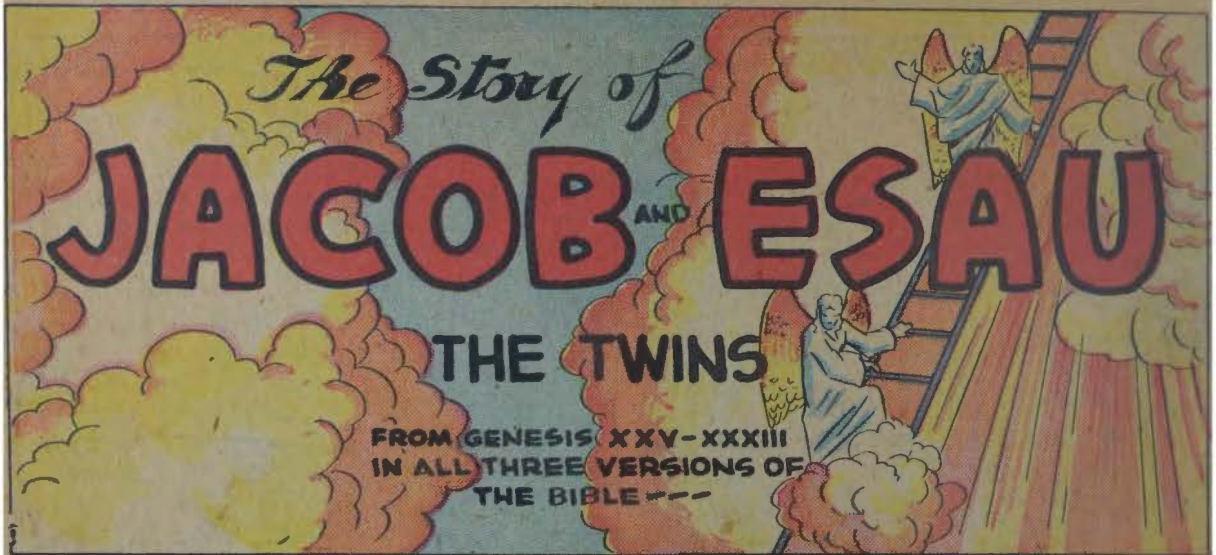




# The Story of JACOB AND ESAU

## THE TWINS

FROM GENESIS XXV-XXXIII  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS OF  
THE BIBLE ---



THERE WAS GREAT REJOICING IN THE HOME OF ISAAC AND HIS WIFE REBEKAH ON THE DAY THEIR SONS WERE BORN-AS GOD HAD PROMISED, THE BABIES WERE TWINS...

WHAT WILL YOU CALL THEM ISAAC?

THIS FELLOW IS SO RED AND HAIRY, WE'LL CALL HIM ESAU-THAT WORD MEANS HAIRY!



-AND THE OTHER BABY, WHO WAS BORN LATER, WE'LL CALL JACOB!



THE TWO BOYS GREW UP TO BE UNLIKE IN THEIR WAYS...

OFF TO THE HUNT! WONDER IF I'LL GET A DEER!

I JUST STAY HERE AND WORK!-YET ESAU IS THE ONE FATHER LIKES!



BUT ESAU COULDN'T FIND NOTHING TO SHOOT AND CAME HOME DAYS LATER, ALMOST STARVING...

THIS LENTIL POTTAGE SMELLS GOOD-WONDER WHERE ESAU- WHY, HERE YOU ARE!

I'M NEARLY DEAD OF HUNGER-GIVE ME FOOD, QUICK!



NOW IN ANCIENT TIMES, THE OLDEST SON IN THE FAMILY HAD A "BIRTHRIGHT" TO INHERIT ALL HIS FATHER'S PROPERTY AND BECOME HEAD OF THE FAMILY-ESAU OWNS THAT "BIRTHRIGHT" BUT NOW JACOB THINKS HE CAN GET IT AWAY FROM HIM...



IF YOU WANT FOOD SO MUCH, GIVE ME YOUR BIRTHRIGHT!

TAKE IT!-WHAT GOOD IS IT TO ME IF I STARVE TO DEATH?

MEANWHILE, FAMINE CAME ON THE LAND--ISAAC, SEEKING FOOD, SET OUT TO VISIT ABIMELECH, KING OF THE PHILISTINES, IN GERAR

GOOD-BYE, DEAR HUSBAND!

KING ABIMELECH IS A PHILISTINE--DON'T TRUST HIM, FATHER!

GOOD-BYE, FATHER!

ON THE ROAD, ISAAC WONDERS WHETHER TO GO TO EGYPT INSTEAD, BUT IS ANSWERED BY A VOICE FROM HEAVEN--

STAY IN GERAR, ISAAC, AND I WILL BLESS YOU AND WILL GIVE THESE LANDS TO YOU AND YOUR SONS--AND THEY SHALL BE FOUNDERS OF GREAT NATIONS--THIS PROMISE I MADE TO YOUR ANCESTOR ABRAHAM--AND NOW MAKE TO YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN

SO ISAAC OBEYED GOD. HE REMAINED IN GERAR AND PROSPERED WITH GOD'S AID, BUT SOME PHILISTINES ENVIED HIM--

HOW IS IT THAT THIS STRANGER IS SO PROSPEROUS WHILE WE PHILISTINES ARE STILL POOR!

WE'LL FIX HIM!

OUT OF SPITE, THE PHILISTINES FILLED THE WELLS WHERE ISAAC'S FLOCKS AND HERDS DRANK--

THEY HAVE FILLED THE WELL!

WHO DID THIS? THE FLOCKS WILL DIE OF THIRST!

MUST BE THE PHILISTINES--THEY HATE FATHER!

ABIMELECH, KING OF THE PHILISTINES, HEARS THE NEWS AND SENDS FOR ISAAC--

I WARN YOU, ISAAC. TAKE YOUR FAMILY AND LEAVE--MY PEOPLE HATE YOU--YOU ARE NOT SAFE HERE!

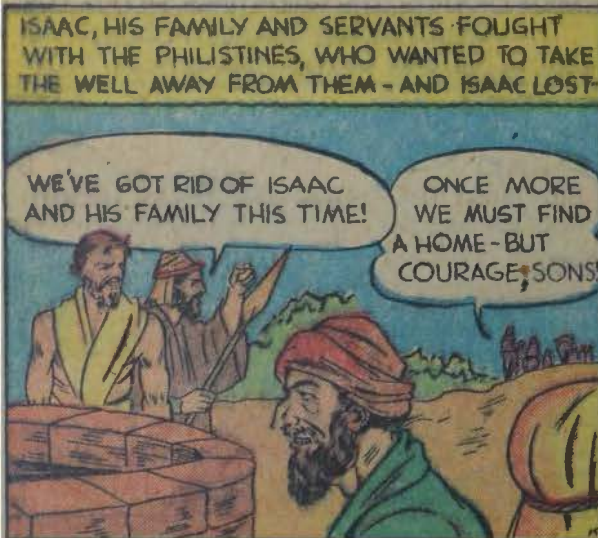
I'VE DONE NOTHING!-BUT I'LL TAKE MY FAMILY OUT OF DANGER!

SO AFTER ALL HIS HARD WORK, ISAAC HAD TO BREAK UP HIS HOME IN GERAR AND LOOK FOR A NEW PLACE TO LIVE--

I HATE THIS PLACE!

WE SHALL MAKE A NEW HOME AND BEGIN AGAIN, WHERE GOD DIRECTS!







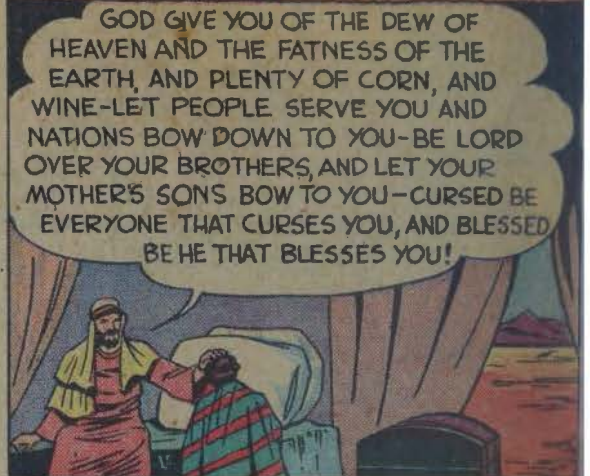




ISAAC, OLD AND DIM OF SIGHT, IS DECEIVED BY JACOB'S LIES AND GIVES HIM HIS PRECIOUS BLESSING...



THIS IS THE BLESSING THAT ISAAC, SON OF ABRAHAM, GAVE TO JACOB...



NO SOONER HAD JACOB LEFT HIS FATHER, THAN ESAU CAME IN WITH A DISH OF REAL VENISON...



BUT FATHER, CAN'T YOU GIVE ME A BLESSING TOO?-HAVE YOU ONLY ONE?



REBEKAH FEARED ESAU WOULD KILL JACOB IN HIS ANGER, AND URGED HER FAVORITE TO HIDE HIMSELF...



SO JACOB SET OUT FOR THE CITY OF HARAN WHERE LABAN LIVED, AND ESAU, MEANWHILE, IN HIS RAGE, WENT TO VISIT HIS UNCLE ISHMAEL, ISAAC'S BROTHER, AND A MIGHTY HUNTER...



ON HIS WAY TO HIS UNCLE IN HARAN, JACOB STOPPED FOR THE NIGHT TO REST IN AN OPEN PLACE...



DURING THE NIGHT, WHILE JACOB SLEPT HE HAD A MARVELOUS DREAM...



NEXT DAY AFTER LONG JOURNEYING, JACOB CAME TO A WELL IN A FIELD. THREE FLOCKS OF SHEEP WERE LYING NEAR IT...



WHEN JACOB FOUND OUT RACHEL WAS HIS COUSIN, HE KISSED HER AND WEPT...



JACOB'S UNCLE, LABAN, PERSUADES HIM TO STAY...



BUT RACHEL'S OLDER SISTER, LEAH, ALSO FALLS IN LOVE WITH JACOB...





JACOB'S SEVEN YEARS SEEMED BUT A FEW DAYS, FOR THE LOVE HE BORE RACHEL WAS GREAT. FINALLY, THE WEDDING DAY!



AT LAST YOU'RE MINE!

DEAR JACOB! WILL YOU BE VERY ANGRY?

BUT THE VEILED BRIDE WAS NOT RACHEL, BUT LEAH-



WHAT!-THEY'VE DECEIVED ME! YOU'RE LEAH!

YES, BUT JACOB I LOVE YOU. -PLEASE!

JACOB RACES BACK TO LABAN--



BUT I WORKED SEVEN YEARS FOR RACHEL!

IT IS THE CUSTOM THAT THE OLDER SISTER MARRY FIRST-NOW, YOU MAY MARRY RACHEL, TOO!

AND SO JACOB WON RACHEL BUT THEN HE HAD TO WORK ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS--



RACHEL! AT LAST!

JACOB BELOVED!

YEARS WENT BY AND JACOB DECIDED TO TAKE HIS FAMILY HOME TO HIS PARENTS



-BUT ONE THING TROUBLED JACOB -THE WRONG HE HAD DONE TO ESAU--



DRIVE THIS HERD ON AHEAD TO ESAU FOR A GIFT-AND SO EACH DAY ANOTHER HERD -I HAVE MUCH TO MAKE UP TO MY BROTHER!

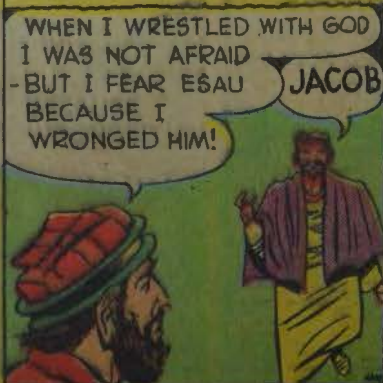
AND JACOB PRAYED THAT ESAU SHOULD NOT BE ANGRY -ONCE ALL NIGHT LONG HE WRESTLED WITH A MAN HE COULD NOT SEE--



I WILL NOT LET YOU GO UNTIL YOU BLESS ME!

YOUR NAME SHALL BE NOT JACOB, BUT ISRAEL -THAT MEANS WRESTLER -WRESTLER WITH GOD!

SO JACOB CAME TO ESAU, AND BOWED HIMSELF TO THE GROUND SEVEN TIMES, NOT KNOWING HOW ESAU WOULD RECEIVE HIM--



WHEN I WRESTLED WITH GOD I WAS NOT AFRAID -BUT I FEAR ESAU BECAUSE I WRONGED HIM!

JACOB

BUT ESAU FELL ON JACOB'S NECK AND THEY WEPT...



YOU DON'T HATE ME, ESAU, FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU?

NO, JACOB, THAT'S PAST AND FORGOTTEN! NOW SHOW ME YOUR FAMILY SO I MAY WELCOME THEM!

--AND JACOB HAD TWELVE SONS-AMONG THEM JOSEPH

AND THUS THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL RECEIVED THEIR NAME



# The Bible Story of

# JOSEPH

## IN EGYPT

FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS,  
CHAPTERS 37 THROUGH 41,  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS

### PART ONE

JACOB, WHO DWELT IN  
CANAAN, HAD TWELVE SONS!



YOU ARE MY BELOVED,  
JOSEPH, MY FAVORITE  
AND SON  
OF MY  
OLD AGE!

FATHER, WILL  
YOU MAKE  
ME THE COAT  
OF MANY COLORS  
AS YOU PROMISED?



LAST NIGHT I DREAMED  
WE WERE BINDING  
SHEAVES. MY SHEAVES  
AROSE, WHILE MY  
BROTHERS' BOWED  
TO MINE!



I DREAMED AGAIN,  
FATHER—THE SUN, MOON  
AND ELEVEN STARS  
BOWED TO ME.

HMPH!



WHAT IS THIS DREAM—  
SHALL WE ALL INDEED  
BOW TO YOU, JOSEPH?



THE BROTHERS WENT TO  
FEED THEIR FLOCKS AND  
TALK OF JOSEPH—

LET'S GET  
RID OF  
HIM!

PUT HIM  
FOREVER OUT  
OF THE  
WAY!









THERE THEY GO!  
NOW TAKE JOSEPH'S COAT AND DRAW GOAT'S BLOOD AND DIP THE COAT INTO IT-OUR FATHER WILL THINK JOSEPH HAS BEEN ATTACKED!



LATER-BACK AT HOME

WE HAVE FOUND THIS COAT! IS IT NOT JOSEPH'S COAT?



JACOB IS SHAKEN WITH GRIEF

IT IS MY SON'S COAT-AN EVIL BEAST HAS DEVoured HIM-JOSEPH IS WITHOUT DOUBT RENT IN PIECES!



NEARING EGYPT

WE SHALL SELL YOU FOR A PROFIT IN EGYPT, ISRAELITE!



THEY CAME AT LAST TO EGYPT AND MET POTIPHAR, CAPTAIN OF PHARAOH'S GUARD

HE'S A HEALTHY LAD-I'LL BUY HIM!



POTIPHAR TAKES JOSEPH TO THE FIELDS

DO WELL, ISRAELITE, AND YOU SHALL BE ADVANCED!



I SHALL FORGET MY ANGER AND WIN FAVOR HERE!





AS TIME PASSED, THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR SAW THAT THE LORD MADE ALL THAT HE DID PROSPER~~



AND THE LORD BLESSED THE EGYPTIAN'S HOUSE FOR JOSEPH'S SAKE AND THE BLESSING WAS ON ALL THAT HE HAD IN THE HOUSE AND IN THE FIELD~~



JOSEPH GREW INTO A HANDSOME MAN AND POTIPHAR'S WIFE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN HIS AFFECTION~~



BUT JOSEPH WAS ALOOF BECAUSE HE KNEW POTIPHAR WOULD NOT LIKE HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WOMEN~~



POTIPHAR'S WIFE LIES TO HIM TO GET JOSEPH INTO TROUBLE~~

THIS JOSEPH HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN MY FRIENDSHIP-COMING TO ME WHILE YOU'RE AWAY-CAST HIM INTO PRISON!

WHAT'S THAT!



GUARD, SEIZE THIS JOSEPH AND THROW HIM INTO PRISON ON MY COMMAND!







ANOTHER PRISONER,  
KEEPER!



THINGS GO WRONG SO OFTEN!  
I AM JUST - BUT AM  
PUNISHED - YET MUST  
I BE FIRM  
AND GOOD!

AS TIME PASSED THE LORD BLESSED  
JOSEPH IN PRISON - HE WAS MADE  
ASSISTANT TO THE JAILOR ----

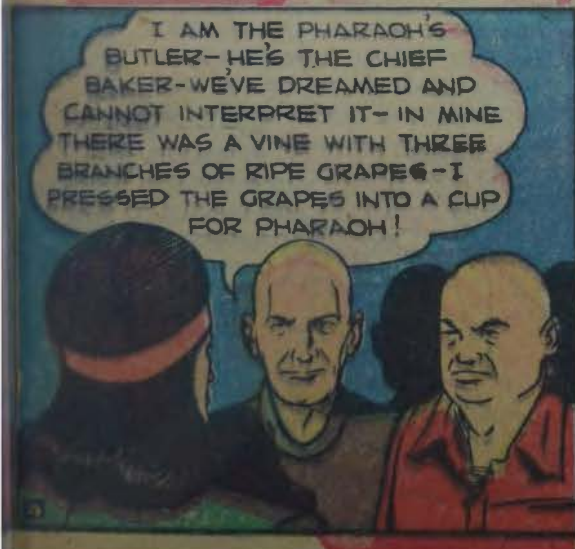


SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE WE'VE  
ALL BEEN BLESSED - I'M  
PLACING THE PRISONERS  
IN YOUR CARE!

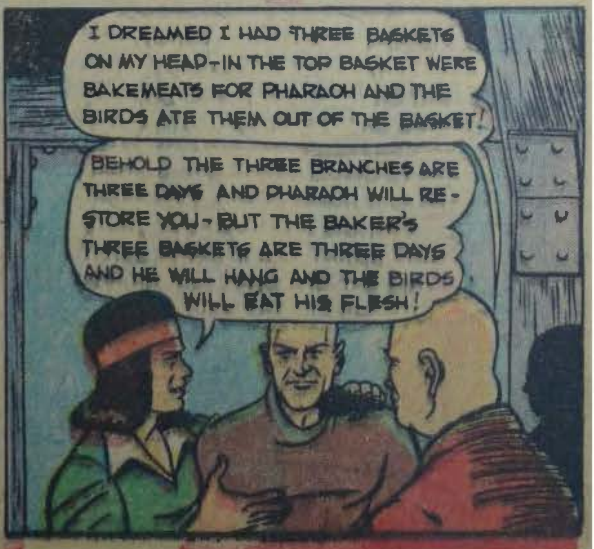


LATER ---

WHY ARE  
YOU SO  
SAD?



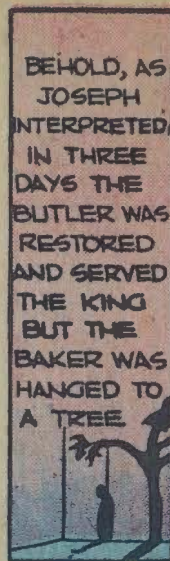
I AM THE PHARAOH'S  
BUTLER - HE'S THE CHIEF  
BAKER - WE'VE DREAMED AND  
CANNOT INTERPRET IT - IN MINE  
THERE WAS A VINE WITH THREE  
BRANCHES OF RIPE GRAPES - I  
PRESSED THE GRAPES INTO A CUP  
FOR PHARAOH!



I DREAMED I HAD THREE BASKETS  
ON MY HEAD - IN THE TOP BASKET WERE  
BAKEMEATS FOR PHARAOH AND THE  
BIRDS ATE THEM OUT OF THE BASKET!

BEHOLD THE THREE BRANCHES ARE  
THREE DAYS AND PHARAOH WILL RE-  
STORE YOU - BUT THE BAKER'S  
THREE BASKETS ARE THREE DAYS  
AND HE WILL HANG AND THE BIRDS  
WILL EAT HIS FLESH!







THE BUTLER SEEKS AN AUDIENCE WITH PHARAOH~

I HAD FORGOTTEN!  
-A MAN LIES IN THE DUNGEONS WHO CAN TELL OF DREAMS -  
-PHARAOH SHOULD HEAR HIM!



SEND FOR THIS ISRAELITE NAMED JOSEPH-IF HE INTERPRETED YOUR DREAMS HE SHALL MINE!



THEN PHARAOH SENDS TO THE PRISON FOR JOSEPH

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, JOSEPH-PHARAOH HAS SENT FOR YOU TO INTERPRET HIS DREAMS!



JOSEPH STANDS BEFORE PHARAOH~

THERE IS NONE THAT CAN INTERPRET MY DREAM BUT I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND A DREAM TO INTERPRET IT!



THE DREAM IS TOLD TO JOSEPH~

IT IS NOT IN ME-GOD SHALL GIVE PHARAOH AN ANSWER~  
THE TWO DREAMS ARE ONE  
GOD HAS SHOWED PHARAOH  
WHAT HE IS ABOUT TO DO- THE  
SEVEN GOOD CATTLE ARE SEVEN  
YEARS AND THE SEVEN GOOD EARS  
ARE SEVEN YEARS  
OF PLENTY!

HMM!



THE SEVEN THIN CATTLE AND SEVEN THIN EARS ARE SEVEN YEARS OF FAMINE-NOW LET PHARAOH PICK A MAN DISCREET AND WISE, AND SET HIM OVER THE LAND OF EGYPT-LET HIM GATHER ALL THE FOOD OF THE GOOD YEARS!

THE IDEA IS GOOD!



CAN WE FIND SUCH A MAN AS THIS IS, A MAN IN WHOM THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS? FOR AS MUCH AS GOD HATH SHOWED YOU ALL THIS, THERE IS NONE SO DISCREET AND WISE AS YOU ARE. YOU SHALL BE PLACED OVER THE LAND AND SHALL BE SECOND ONLY TO ME





# The Story of JOSEPH IN EGYPT

## PART TWO

FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS,  
CHAPTERS 41 THROUGH 50,  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS

JOSEPH-HAVING  
BEEN SOLD INTO SLAV-  
ERY IN EGYPT BY HIS  
JEALOUS BROTHERS  
BECOMES RULER NEXT  
TO PHARAOH WHEN  
HE ALONE CAN  
INTERPRET THE  
KING'S PROPHETIC  
DREAMS

IF MY PROPHECIES ARE TRUE  
WE SHALL HAVE PLENTY AT THE  
END OF THE SEVEN YEARS OF PLENTY!



SEVEN YEARS AFTER---

THE FAMINE HAS  
COME AS JOSEPH  
HAS PROPHESED!



AND WHEN ALL THE LAND OF  
EGYPT WAS FAMISHED THE  
PEOPLE CRIED FOR FOOD

GO TO JOSEPH  
HE WILL SELL  
YOU FOOD!



OPEN THE STOREHOUSE  
AND DISTRIBUTE  
FOOD TO ALL!





ONLY IN EGYPT WAS FOOD  
PLENTY AND EVEN ISRAEL  
SUFFERED FROM THE  
WIDESPREAD FAMINE

GO TO EGYPT  
AND BUY  
US FOOD!

WE  
OBEY!



BUT MY  
BELOVED YOUNGEST  
SON, BENJAMIN  
REMAINS  
WITH ME!



JOSEPH'S BROTHERS  
WENT TO EGYPT



THE BROTHERS ARRIVE  
BEFORE JOSEPH BUT DON'T  
RECOGNIZE HIM

YOU  
COME FROM  
CANAAN?



BUT JOSEPH KNEW THEM

YOU ARE SPIES  
THAT HAVE COME TO  
SEE THE NAKEDNESS  
OF THE LAND!

I  
KNOW MY  
BROTHERS  
THEY KNOW  
ME NOT!



WE ARE NOT  
SPIES-BUT SONS  
OF JACOB IN CANAAN  
-THE YOUNGEST IS  
WITH OUR FATHER  
AND ONE IS DEAD!



YOU SHALL PROVE YOU  
ARE NOT SPIES!-I SHALL  
HOLD ONE OF YOU IN PRISON  
UNTIL YOU FETCH YOUR  
YOUNGEST BROTHER SO  
I MAY SEE HIM!



SO SIMEON IS BOUND  
AND SENT TO PRISON

TRULY-GOVERNOR  
JOSEPH IS A  
HARSH MAN!



LATER

FILL THE SACKS  
WITH GRAIN -  
RESTORE THEIR  
MONEY-HASTEN!





**THE BROTHERS STOP ENROUTE AT AN INN AND MAKE A DISCOVERY**

LOOK! MY MONEY IS RESTORED HERE!

ALL OUR MONEY IS RESTORED! - THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN KIND!



**AFTER DAYS, THEY ARRIVE AT HOME**

THE GOVERNOR TOOK US TO BE SPIES!

WE MUST BRING BACK BENJAMIN!

SIMEON IS HELD AS A HOSTAGE UNTIL WE DO!



**WATER - THEY NEED FOOD AGAIN**

YOU SAY ONLY TAKING BENJAMIN BACK WILL PROVE YOU NOT TO BE SPIES? - I FEAR EVIL, MY SONS!

SIMEON WILL SUFFER UNLESS WE RETURN!

LISTEN TO OUR PLEA, FATHER!



SO BE IT! WE MUST HAVE FOOD - TAKE PRESENTS OF HONEY, BALM AND SPICES!

I SHALL BE SURETY, FATHER, AND TAKE THE BLAME IF HARM COMES TO BENJAMIN!



**SOMETIME LATER THE BROTHERS RETURN TO EGYPT**

MY BROTHERS DO RETURN! BRING THEM TO DINNER WITH ME AT NOON!



WE RETURN AS PROMISED! BUT MUST HAVE FOOD - WE ALSO RETURN THE MONEY FOUND IN OUR SACKS WHEN WE LEFT!

PEACE BE TO YOU I PUT THE MONEY THERE!





AT NOON THEY WERE  
TAKEN BEFORE JOSEPH ~

WE BRING GIFTS  
FROM JACOB,  
OUR  
FATHER!

THANK YOU—  
COME AND DINE!



FILL THEIR SACKS  
AGAIN, WITH FOOD—  
BUT PUT MY SILVER  
CUP IN  
BENJAMIN'S SACK!



AFTERWARD THE BROTHERS TAKE LEAVE

NOW!—FOLLOW  
THEM—FIND  
MY CUP!



SO GUARDS STOPPED THE CARAVAN ~

BUT HOW?  
OUR YOUNGEST  
WOULD NOT  
STEAL!

THAT I WOULD NOT—  
I DID NOT!

IT'S THE  
GOVERNOR'S  
CUP!



THEY ARE LED BACK TO JOSEPH ~

WHAT SHALL  
WE DO  
NOW?

WE ARE INNOCENT—  
GOD WILL AID  
US!



ONE  
BROTHER  
SPEAKS  
UP  
BEFORE  
JOSEPH



OH, MY LORD—I HAVE PROMISED  
TO BE SURETY FOR MY  
BROTHER—HOLD ME IN  
BONDAGE BUT LET BENJAMIN  
GO HOME OR HIS FATHER  
WILL DIE OF GRIEF!





HOW SHALL I GO BACK  
TO MY FATHER AND THE  
LAD BE NOT WITH ME?  
WHEN HE SEES THAT THE  
LAD IS NOT WITH US HE WILL  
DIE WITH SORROW!-HOLD  
ME AND LET THE LAD GO  
HOME WITH HIS BROTHERS!



WHAT IS IT?  
-THE  
GOVERNOR  
WEEPS!

PRAY SIR -  
WHAT  
HAVE  
WE  
DONE?



DON'T YOU KNOW ME?-I AM  
JOSEPH YOUR BROTHER WHOM YOU  
SOLD INTO EGYPT!-BE NOT GRIEVED  
NOR ANGRY WITH YOURSELVES  
THAT YOU SOLD ME HERE- FOR  
GOD SENT ME BEFORE YOU  
TO PRESERVE LIFE!



-SO IT WAS NOT YOU THAT  
SENT ME HERE BUT GOD  
HAS DONE IT!-NOW GO AND  
BRING MY FATHER HERE  
FOR THERE IS YET FIVE  
YEARS OF FAMINE-YOU  
SHALL DWELL IN THE LAND  
OF GOSHEN AND SHALL  
BE NEAR ME!



I SHALL BRING  
YOU BEFORE  
PHARAOH!-HE  
SHALL WELCOME  
YOU-AND OUR FATHER!



ONCE MORE THE BROTHERS GO  
BACK TO CANAAN

WE SHALL FIND  
PLENTY AND  
JOY IN EGYPT!

AND WE HAD  
NOT RECOGNISED  
JOSEPH!





## JOSEPH'S BROTHERS ARRIVE HOME

-AND HE IS JOSEPH THY SON AND THE LORD HAS MADE HIM RULER OF ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT! HE ASKS US TO GO AND LIVE THERE!



I DEPART SADLY BUT THERE IS JOY WITHIN ME FOR I SHALL SEE JOSEPH!

COME - WE SHALL GO!



## WHEN JACOB SEES JOSEPH HE WEEPS WITH JOY

FATHER, YOU HAVE COME!

JOSEPH-MY SON-WHOM I THOUGHT DEAD ALL THESE YEARS! GOD IS GOOD TO ME!



## JOSEPH TAKES HIS FATHER BEFORE PHARAOH

THE LAND OF EGYPT IS BEFORE THEE, YOU SHALL DWELL IN THE BEST OF THE LAND!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU, OH PHARAOH



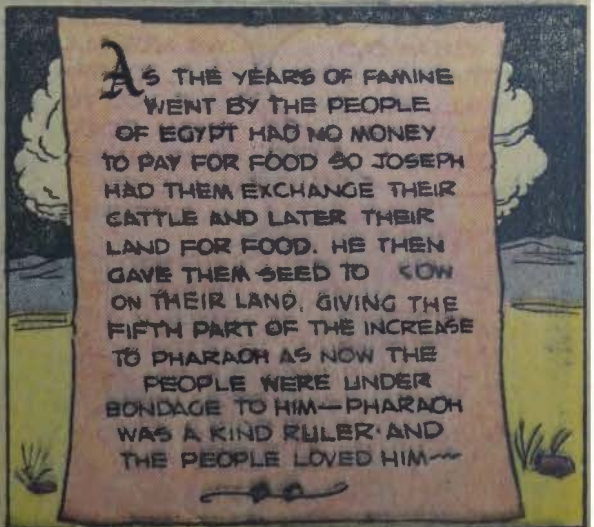
## THE FAMINE GREW WORSE AND THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT FAINTED FROM HUNGER -

WE HAVE NO MORE MONEY TO BUY FOOD, MASTER, GIVE US FOOD OR WE DIE!

GIVE YOUR CATTLE FOR FOOD!



AS THE YEARS OF FAMINE WENT BY THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT HAD NO MONEY TO PAY FOR FOOD SO JOSEPH HAD THEM EXCHANGE THEIR CATTLE AND LATER THEIR LAND FOR FOOD. HE THEN GAVE THEM SEED TO SOW ON THEIR LAND, GIVING THE FIFTH PART OF THE INCREASE TO PHARAOH AS NOW THE PEOPLE WERE UNDER BONDAGE TO HIM—PHARAOH WAS A KIND RULER AND THE PEOPLE LOVED HIM—



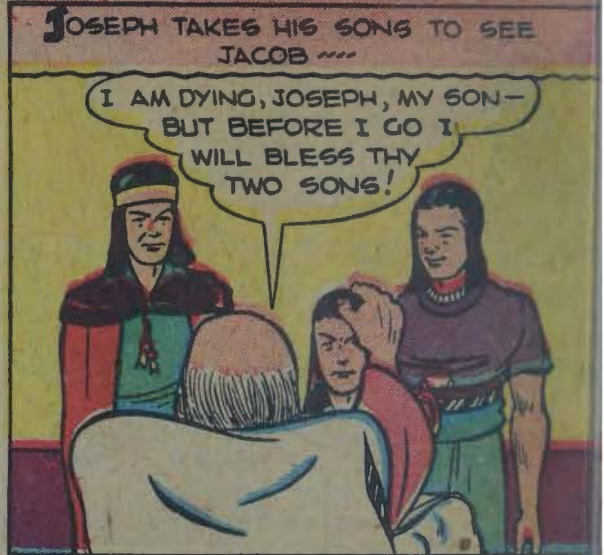


ONLY IN  
EGYPT WAS  
THERE  
FOOD



I HAVE BROUGHT  
HAPPINESS TO ALL!  
-GOD HAS BEEN  
GOOD TO US!

JOSEPH TAKES HIS SONS TO SEE  
JACOB



I AM DYING, JOSEPH, MY SON—  
BUT BEFORE I GO I  
WILL BLESS THY  
TWO SONS!

JACOB DIED AND THE BROTHERS CAME  
TO JOSEPH



WILT THOU PUNISH  
US NOW THAT JACOB  
IS GONE?

FEAR NOT  
FOR I HAVE  
FORGIVEN  
EVERYONE!

THE FAMINE ENDED AT LAST, AND  
PLENTY RETURNED



JOSEPH  
SAVED  
US!

WE CAN  
CARRY ON  
NOW,  
JOSEPH!

I GROW OLD,  
BROTHERS—SOON  
I SHALL FOLLOW  
OUR FATHER  
JACOB!



WE ARE ALL  
OLD, JOSEPH,  
BUT YOU'VE  
BEEN GOOD!  
YOUR NAME  
SHALL BE  
REMEMBERED!

I HAVE LIVED  
100 AND 10 YEARS,  
MY TIME HAS  
COME!



YOU SHALL  
BE BURIED  
IN SPLENDOR,  
JOSEPH, FOR  
ALL EGYPT AS  
WELL AS WE  
LOVE YOU!

THE  
END



The Story of

# MOSES

## AND HIS STRUGGLE FOR ISRAEL

**PART ONE — OUT OF EGYPT**

FROM THE BOOKS OF GENESIS, EXODUS  
AND NUMBERS, IN ALL THREE VERSIONS

BEHOLD  
THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL  
ARE MORE AND MIGHTIER  
THEN WE! — LET US GET  
CONTROL OVER THEM SO  
THEY CANNOT OVER-RUN US  
OR JOIN OUR ENEMIES!



SO PHARAOH PUT TASKMASTERS OVER THE HEBREWS  
AND SET THEM AT HARD TASKS MAKING THEIR LIVES  
BITTER UNDER THIS CRUEL BONDAGE ~



AFFLICTION DID NOT DOWN  
THE ISRAELITES, SO  
PHARAOH MADE A DECREE

ALL HEBREW SONS  
NEW-BORN WILL BE  
CAST INTO THE RIVER  
— ONLY THE DAUGHTERS  
SHALL BE SAVED!



NOW A HEBREW WOMAN  
BORE A SON AND HID HIM  
THREE MONTHS —

WE CAN'T HIDE HIM  
HERE ANY LONGER,  
MOTHER, LET US FIND  
A SAFE PLACE!



THE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER  
HID THE BABY AT THE  
RIVER'S BRINK ~

NOW HE  
SHALL  
LIVE!





**T**HE BASKET FLOATED TO WHERE THE PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER WAS BATHING — THE CHILD'S SISTER AFAR OFF SAW THEM FIND THE BABE ~~~



**T**HE CHILD'S SISTER HAS AN IDEA AND APPROACHES THE PRINCESS ~~~

I SAW FROM AFAR AND CAME TO ASK IF I MAY CALL A NURSE FOR THEE?

IF THOU KNOWEST ONE, GO!



**T**HE DAUGHTER BRINGS THE CHILD'S OWN MOTHER BEFORE THE PRINCESS ~~~

NURSE THIS CHILD, TAKE CARE OF IT AND I'LL PAY YOU WELL!



**T**HE LITTLE MOSES GREW TO A BOY AND PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER CALLED HIM HER OWN SON ~~~

MY SON, YOU GROW FAST!



**W**HEN MOSES BECAME A MAN HE WENT OUT AND WATCHED HIS BRETHREN AT THEIR BURDENS AND HE SAW AN EGYPTIAN BEATING A HEBREW ~~~

VILE ONE!



**F**ENRAGED AT SUCH CRUELTY TO HIS RACE, MOSES KILLED THE EGYPTIAN ~~~

THIS FOR TYRANNY!





**M**OSES FLED SWIFTLY, KNOWING WELL PHARAOH WOULD SEEK TO PUNISH HIM.



**H**E CAME TO THE LAND OF MIDIAN AND RESTED BY A WELL ~~~



SO FAR I'M FREE —  
THIS WATER  
REFRESHES!

**I**N MIDIAN, ITS PRIEST HAD SEVEN DAUGHTERS WHO CAME TO THIS WELL TO WATER THEIR FATHER'S FLOCK— BUT SOME SHEPHERDS DROVE THEM OFF



GO! NO  
INTERFERENCE

**M**OSES STOOD UP TO AID THE DAUGHTERS — THE SHEPHERDS GAVE WAY ~~~



WE MUST REPAY  
THIS MAN!

FOR ILL-TREATING  
WOMEN, YOU  
BULLIES!

**M**OSES IS LED TO THE PRIEST BY HIS DAUGHTERS ~~~



THIS EGYPTIAN SAVED US  
FROM THE ROUGH SHEPHERDS  
AND HELPED US WATER  
THE FLOCK!

FINE - HE  
CAN STAY WITH  
US!

**M**OSES STAYED AND LATER MARRIED ONE OF THE DAUGHTERS AND THEY HAD A SON NAMED GERSHOM ~~~





AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THE PROCESS OF TIME, PHARAOH DIED AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CRIED TO GOD IN THEIR BONDAGE TO RELIEVE THEM ~~~



ONE DAY WHEN MOSES WAS WATCHING THE FLOCK THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM IN A FLAMING BUSH ~~~



I AM THE GOD OF THY FATHER, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB!- I AM SENDING THEE TO EGYPT TO DELIVER MY PEOPLE!



I WILL DELIVER YOUR PEOPLE FROM THE EGYPTIANS- THEY SHALL GO TO A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY! GET THY BROTHER AARON WHO SHALL BE SPOKESMAN AND YOUR ROD SHALL DO MIRACLES IN MY NAME!



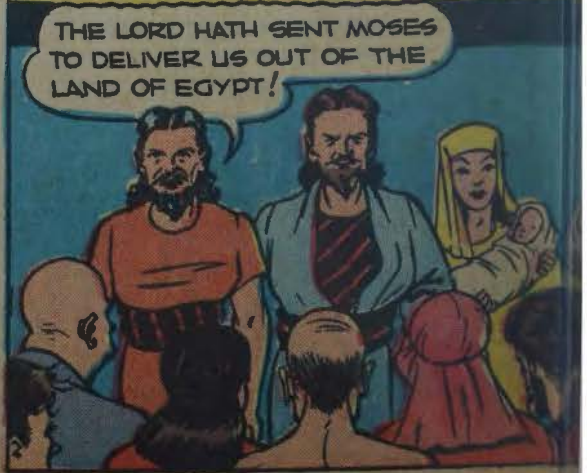
MOSES TOOK HIS WIFE AND SONS, TO MEET AARON, AND PREPARE TO LEAVE ~~~

A GRAVE TASK! BUT I GO TO DO GOD'S WILL!



SO AARON BECAME SPOKESMAN AND TALKED TO THE ISRAELITES ~~~

THE LORD HATH SENT MOSES TO DELIVER US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT!





**MOSES AND AARON SEEK PHARAOH TOGETHER**

THE LORD GOD SAYS LET MY PEOPLE GO THAT THEY MAY HOLD A FEAST UNTO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS!

WHO IS THE LORD THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIS VOICE TO LET ISRAEL GO?



I KNOW NOT THE LORD, NEITHER WILL I LET ISRAEL GO!—MAYBE THE PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH WORK WHEN THEY WANT TO FEAST!



**SO PHARAOH CALLS HIS TASK-MASTERS**

LET MORE WORK BE UPON ISRAEL—GIVE THEM NO MORE STRAW TO MAKE BRICK BUT LET THEM GET STRAW THEMSELVES!



**FINALLY THE ISRAELITE LEADERS COMPLAINED TO MOSES AND AARON OF THE NEW TASKS**

INSTEAD OF DELIVERING US OUT OF EGYPT YOU HAVE CAUSED OUR SLAVERY TO BECOME GREATER!



**ASKING GOD FOR HELP, MOSES RECEIVES HIS ANSWER**

NOW SHALT THOU SEE WHAT I WILL DO TO PHARAOH—I WILL MAKE THEE A GOD TO PHARAOH AND AARON SHALL BE THY PROPHET!



**MOSES AND AARON ONCE MORE VISIT PHARAOH**

THE LORD ASKS THEE AGAIN, PHARAOH TO LET HIS PEOPLE GO!

SHOW ME A MIRACLE!





TO PROVE GOD WAS WITH THEM MOSES TOLD AARON TO CAST HIS ROD BEFORE PHARAOH-THE ROD TURNED INTO A SNAKE!



STILL PHARAOH WOULD NOT LET ISRAEL GO AND THUS MOSES AND AARON TURNED THE RIVER TO BLOOD



PHARAOH'S HEART REMAINED HARD UNTIL MOSES BROUGHT A PLAGUE OF FROGS, AT GOD'S WORD, ON EGYPT



FINALLY PHARAOH PROMISED TO LET ISRAEL GO, AND THE FROG PLAGUE ENDED-BUT



SO GOD COMMANDED MOSES AND AARON TO MAKE A PLAGUE OF LICE AND FLIES



THIS WAS TOO MUCH FOR PHARAOH SO HE CALLED FOR MOSES AND AARON AND TOLD THEM TO CALL OFF THE FLIES AND HE WOULD LET THE PEOPLE GO AND SERVE THEIR GOD. -WHEN THE FLIES WERE GONE HE CHANGED HIS MIND AGAIN SO THE LORD KILLED ALL THE CATTLE OF EGYPT AND SENT A PLAGUE OF BOILS AND HAILSTORMS ON ALL THE EGYPTIANS.



WHEN A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS CAME WITH THE EAST WIND BUT PHARAOH WAS STILL HARDENED SO THE LORD HAD MOSES CAUSE DARKNESS TO COME ON THE LAND ~~~~



PHARAOH'S PROMISES ARE WORTHLESS - HE STILL CHANGES HIS MIND ~~~~



MOSES CALLS HIS PEOPLE TOGETHER ~~~~

BEHOLD - KILL A LAMB AND STRIKE THE BLOOD ON THE TWO SIDE POSTS AND UPPER DOOR POSTS OF YOUR HOUSES FOR THE LORD WILL SLAY THE FIRST BORN OF THOSE WITHOUT THE BLOOD!



AND AT MIDNIGHT THE LORD SMOTE ALL THE FIRST BORN IN EGYPT FROM PHARAOH DOWN TO THE FIRST BORN OF THE CAPTIVE THAT WAS IN THE DUNGEON ~~~~



PHARAOH'S SERVANTS PLEAD WITH HIM ~~~~

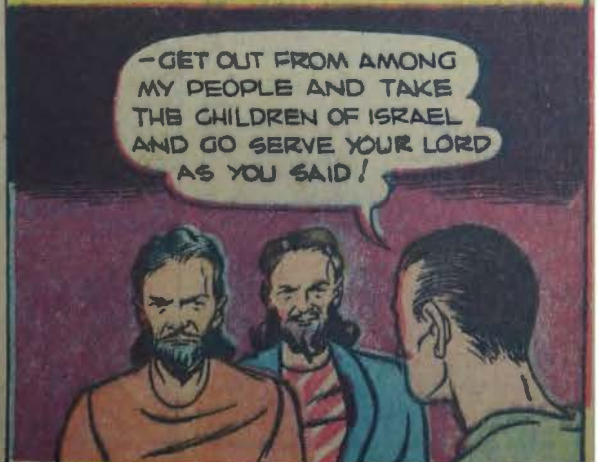
OH, MIGHTY PHARAOH, IT IS BEST THAT YOU SEND ISRAEL AWAY BEFORE WE BE ALL DEAD MEN!

YES! - I WILL DO IT!



AT LAST PHARAOH RELENTS AND CALLS MOSES AND AARON ~~~~

- GET OUT FROM AMONG MY PEOPLE AND TAKE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND GO SERVE YOUR LORD AS YOU SAID!





# The Story of MOSES

## AND HIS STRUGGLE FOR ISRAEL

• PART TWO •  
THE PROMISED LAND

FROM THE BOOKS OF EXODUS  
LEVITICUS, NUMBERS AND  
DEUTERONOMY IN ALL THREE  
VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE.

MOSES LEADS HIS PEOPLE  
FROM EGYPT ~



- AND THE LORD WENT  
BEFORE THEM BY DAY IN A  
PILLAR OF A CLOUD  
AND A PILLAR OF FIRE AT  
NIGHT, TO LEAD THE WAY.



THE LORD TOLD MOSES TO  
CAMP BETWEEN MIDDOL  
AND THE SEA



BUT THE HEART OF PHARAOH  
AGAIN GREW HARDENED ~

WHY HAVE WE DONE THIS  
THAT WE HAVE LET ISRAEL  
GO FROM SERVING US?  
LET US GO AFTER THEM!



YES!

WITH ALL THE ARMY AND  
CHARIOTS OF EGYPT, KING  
PHARAOH PURSUED ISRAEL



WHEN THE CHILDREN OF  
ISRAEL SAW THE EGYPTIANS  
THEY CRIED WITH FEAR ~

IT IS AS WELL  
THAT WE DIED  
IN EGYPT,  
THAN HERE!

FEAR  
NOT!





THE LORD TOLD MOSES TO RAISE HIS ROD OVER THE SEA-AND IT OPENED UP!



AND THE WATERS WERE A WALL ON THEIR RIGHT AND LEFT ~~~

PASS THROUGH THE SEA ON DRY LAND-  
THE LORD WILL DELIVER  
YOU FROM THE  
EGYPTIANS!



THE EGYPTIANS PURSUED  
THEM INTO THE MIDST  
OF THE SEA ~~~

WE'LL CATCH  
ISRAEL!



MOSES COMMANDED AT  
GOD'S WORD, AND THE SEA  
RETURNED TO ITS BED!

RETURN O  
WATERS, IN THE  
LORD'S NAME!



THE WATERS RETURNED AND COVERED  
PHARAOH AND HIS HOST IN THE SEA ~~~



MOSES BROUGHT ISRAEL FROM THE SEA  
AND THEY TRAVELED THREE DAYS IN THE  
WILDERNESS AND FOUND NO WATER ~~~

BUT WE  
NEED WATER  
NOW!





COMING TO MARAH, THEY FOUND WATER BUT IT WAS BITTER ---

WE CAN'T DRINK THIS, MOSES. WHAT SHALL WE DO?



THE LORD SHOWED MOSES A TREE WHICH, WHEN CAST IN THE WATER, THE WATER WAS MADE SWEET ---



SO THEY CAME TO ELIM, WHERE WERE 12 WELLS, AND CAMPED ---

HERE WE SHALL REST--BE SAFE FOR AWHILE!



LATER, THE ISRAELITES JOURNEYED ON TOWARD SINAI ---

WE NEED BREAD!

GOD WILL GIVE MOSES POWER TO GIVE US BREAD!



MOSES OVERCOMES ALL TROUBLES ---

YOU ASK FOR WATER! ROCK OF HOREB YIELDS THRU GOD'S POWER!



OUT OF THE LAND CAME THE AMALEKITES, TO STOP ISRAEL ---

--I GO TO YONDER HILL-- HOLD OFF THE ENEMY!

AYE, MOSES!



WHEN MOSES RAISES HIS ARM, THE AMALEKITES RETREAT -- HE DROPS HIS ARM, THEY COME BACK!

AARON! HUR! MY ARM TIRES! HOLD IT UP--SO LONG AS IT'S UP, WE WIN!

COMING, MOSES!



HOURS LATER--

THEY FLEE! ISRAEL TRIUMPHS AGAIN!





FINALLY THE ISRAELITES COME TO SINAI

I SHALL GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN TO HEAR FROM THE LORD GOD!



GOD SPEAKS FROM THE CLOUDS

I AM YOUR GOD! THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME!



AND SO MOSES RECEIVED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ON THE MOUNT AND BROUGHT THEM DOWN, ON TABLETS TO ISRAEL

THE WORDS OF GOD ARE HERE WRITTEN - TEN COMMANDS HE GIVES TO ALL!



THE COMMANDMENTS



1. I AM THE LORD, THY GOD - THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
2. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.
3. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN.
4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH - KEEP IT HOLY.
5. HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER.
6. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.
7. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
8. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.
9. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.
10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

LATER, MOSES WENT TO THE MOUNT FOR FORTY DAYS AND NIGHTS TO LEARN OF GOD

LET THE PEOPLE MAKE ME A SANCTUARY - A TABERNACLE IN WHICH I MAY DWELL AND BE WITH MY PEOPLE!

I OBEY THY WORD - OH LORD!





**MOSES' DELAY IN RETURNING BROUGHT UNREST AMONG THE ISRAELITES--**



**MOSES RETURNS IN ANGER AND BREAKS THE TABLETS--**



**MOSES BURNED THE CALF, AND MADE A CHALLENGE--**



**MANY DIED THAT TIME - BUT STILL THE PEOPLE MURMURED, UNTIL THEY SAW A PILLAR OF CLOUD FROM HEAVEN ENVELOPE MOSES--**



GO YE, HEW NEW STONES, AND I WILL WRITE AGAIN UPON THEM, AS UPON THE FIRST WHICH WERE BROKEN!



**AND AFTERWARD, MOSES HAD THE TWO TABLETS ON THE MOUNTAIN SIDE AND CAME TO HIS PEOPLE, SMILING--**





MOSES HAS A TABERNACLE ERECTED ~

MY PEOPLE HAVE  
DONE AS GOD WILLED!  
HE SHALL BLESS THEM,  
ONE AND ALL!



AND SO MOSES FINISHED HIS WORK  
WHEN THE TABERNACLE WAS DONE  
AND FURNISHED, ACCORDING TO THE  
BOOK OF EXODUS

WE ARE  
HAPPY,  
MOSES!

YES,  
AARON!



SOON THE LORD GOD SPOKE  
AGAIN TO MOSES, NOW AT  
LENGTH, AND HE TOLD MOSES  
THE LAWS WHICH WERE TO BE  
MADE, AND THE CUSTOMS  
ESTABLISHED TO LIVE BY —  
AND THIS IS A PURPOSE OF  
THE FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES  
WHICH RELATES ALL THE LAWS  
AND ORDERS OF THE OLD  
HEBREWS FOR THEIR  
PROMISED LAND!

SO THE ISRAELITES MOVE FROM SINAI  
TO PARAN, AND THEY FIND A GUIDE  
TO TAKE THEM ~

HOBAB THE  
MIDIANITE, AID US  
TO SEEK OUR PROMISED  
LAND!

WE NEED YOU  
AS A GUIDE!

I WILL  
HELP!

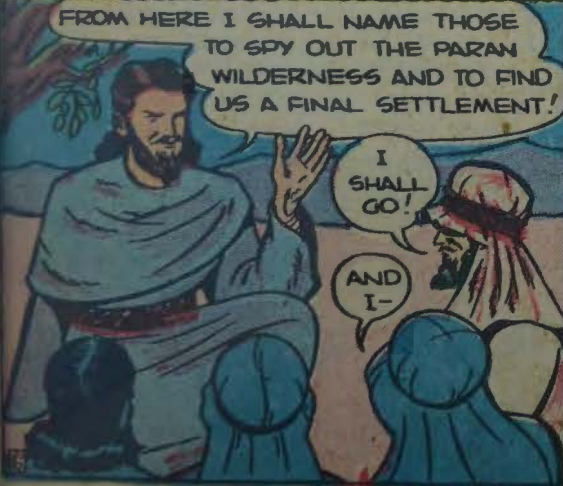


LATER, THEY STOP AND REST ENROUTE ~

FROM HERE I SHALL NAME THOSE  
TO SPY OUT THE PARAN  
WILDERNESS AND TO FIND  
US A FINAL SETTLEMENT!

I  
SHALL  
GO!

AND I—



AND THEY RETURNED FROM SEARCHING,  
AFTER FORTY DAYS ~

WE CAME UNTO  
A LAND SURELY  
FILLED WITH  
MILK AND HONEY!

WE MUST  
FIGHT  
MANY  
FOR IT!





**GOD WAS WITH MOSES, AND THE ISRAELITES TRIUMPHED OVER ALL THE ENEMIES**

WE HAVE COME TO THE PLAINS OF MOAB! COUNT OUR MULTITUDE—WE'LL SOON BE ON THE SHORES OF THE JORDAN, SHOWN US AS THE PROMISED LAND!



REMEMBER OUR LAWS, YE PEOPLE! KEEP THEM ALWAYS—AND WE SHALL ALWAYS TRIUMPH!



**AND THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES AGAIN**

DEFILE NOT THE LAND ABOUT TO BE INHERITED, AND I, THE LORD YOUR GOD, SHALL DWELL THERE, AND AMONG THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL!



**LONG AFTERWARD, THE PROMISED LAND WAS GAINED AND ISRAEL SETTLED DOWN**

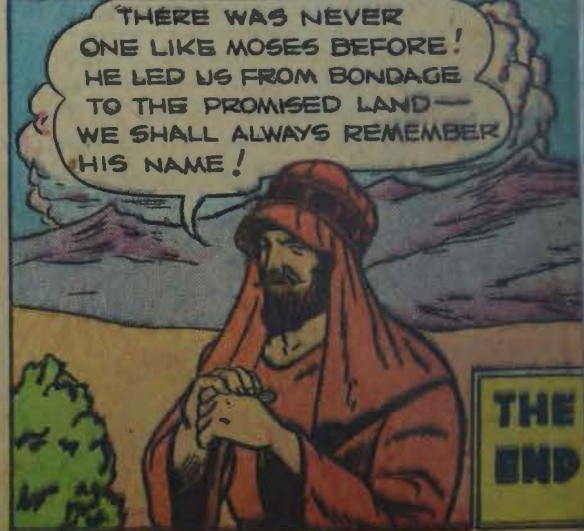
GOD IS CALLING AGAIN!—I GROW OLD AND MUST HEAR HIS LAST COMMANDS!

LAY UP MY WORDS IN YOUR HEART AND SOUL—TEACH MY WORDS TO YOUR CHILDREN—NO MAN SHALL STAND BEFORE YOU!



**AND THE LORD SPOKE UNTO MOSES SAYING:—GO YOU TO THE MOUNTAIN NEBO IN MOAB, BEHOLD THE LAND OF CANAAN WHICH I HAVE GIVEN TO ISRAEL—AND THERE YOU SHALL DIE UPON EARTH—AND MOSES WAS A HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS OLD AT HIS DEATH, AND THE PEOPLE WEPT FOR HIM FOR THIRTY DAYS**

THERE WAS NEVER ONE LIKE MOSES BEFORE! HE LED US FROM BONDAGE TO THE PROMISED LAND—WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIS NAME!



**THE END**



# THE STORY OF JOSHUA

## PART ONE

ARRANGED FROM THE OLD  
TESTAMENT BOOK OF JOSHUA--

(SPELLED "JOSUE" IN  
THE DOUAY VERSION.)

WHEN JOSHUA SUCCEEDED MOSES AS LEADER OF THE ISRAELITES, HE FOLLOWED GOD'S COMMAND TO TAKE HIS PEOPLE INTO CANAAN, THE PROMISED LAND ---

THE LORD GOD COMMANDED US TO GO FORWARD AND FEAR NOT--IN THREE DAYS, THEREFORE, WE MARCH ACROSS THE RIVER JORDAN!

YES, AFTER FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING, WE NOW REACH CANAAN; THE LAND WHICH GOD PROMISED -- MOSES!

ALREADY I HAVE SENT SCOUTS AHEAD TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE ACROSS THE JORDAN -- AS SOON AS THEY RETURN, WE SHALL MARCH!

THE TWO SCOUTS GO INTO A HOUSE HIDDEN IN THE CITY WALL, IN WHICH A WOMAN NAMED RAHAB LIVED ---

PERHAPS RAHAB WILL GIVE US INFORMATION!

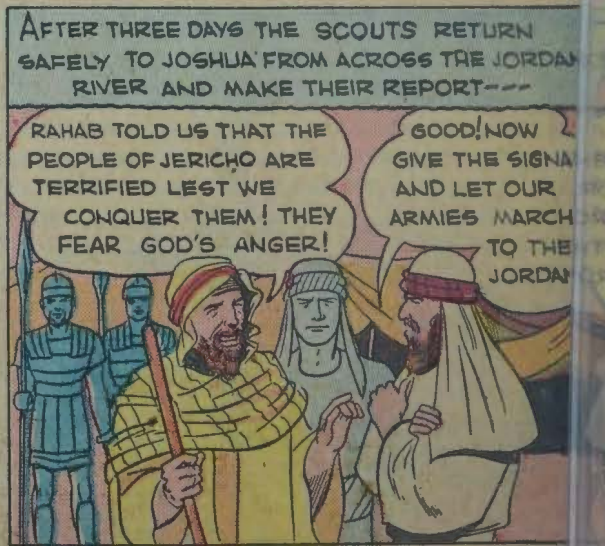
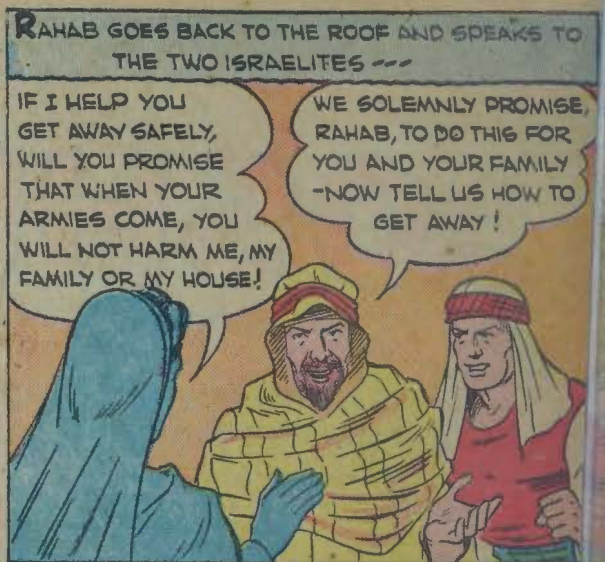
LET US GO IN QUICKLY! -- WE ARE BEING FOLLOWED!

COME IN, QUICKLY, HERE YOU ARE SEEN! -- I SHALL HIDE YOU ON THE ROOF AMONG THE FLAX WHICH IS STACKED THERE TO DRY!

AS RAHAB IS HIDING THEM IN THE FLAX ON THE ROOF, GUARDS COME KNOCKING AT THE DOOR ---









LATER, ALONG THE BANKS OF THE JORDAN RIVER---

FORWARD, ISRAELITES!--LET THE MEN OF GOD GO FIRST!--ACROSS THE JORDAN!--AND THEN--ON TO JERICHO!

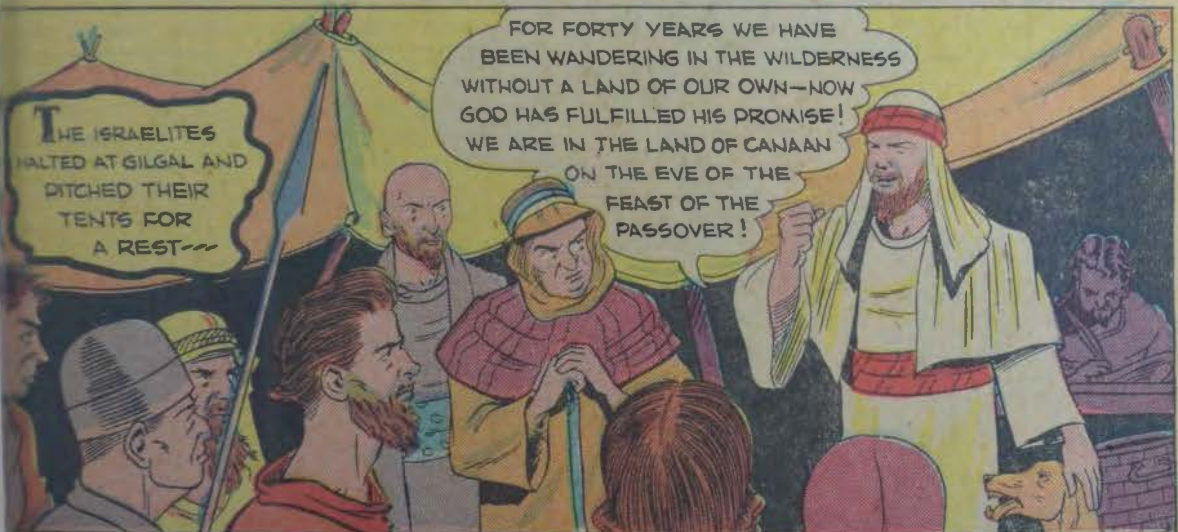


AS THE ISRAELITES FOLLOWED JOSHUA AND THE PRIESTS THE WATERS PARTED TO LET THEM WALK ACROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE!



THE ISRAELITES HALTED AT GILGAL AND DITCHED THEIR TENTS FOR A REST---

FOR FORTY YEARS WE HAVE BEEN WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS WITHOUT A LAND OF OUR OWN--NOW GOD HAS FULFILLED HIS PROMISE! WE ARE IN THE LAND OF CANAAN ON THE EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER!



AS THE ISRAELITES MARCHED NEARER, THE CANAANITES CLOSED THE GATES OF JERICHO AND STRONGLY DEFENDED THEM---

THE ISRAELITES ARE COMING!

THEY SHALL NEVER ENTER JERICHO!

WE DEFY THEM AND THEIR GOD!



JOSHUA SPEAKS--

OF OURSELVES WE CAN NEVER BREAK JERICHO'S DEFENSES-- BUT GOD HAS SHOWN US A WAY-- HEAR ME, PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ON HOW THE WALLS OF JERICHO WILL FALL! BY GOD'S COMMAND!





GOD REVEALED TO JOSHUA HOW THE ISRAELITES WERE TO OVERCOME THE CITY OF JERICO—THEY WERE TO WALK AROUND THE WALLS ONCE A DAY FOR SIX DAYS, AND THE PRIESTS WERE TO BLOW THE TRUMPETS—ON THE SEVENTH DAY, THEY WERE ALL TO MARCH AROUND SEVEN TIMES—THE PEOPLE WERE TO SHOUT AND THE WALLS WOULD FALL DOWN---



AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY, THE PRIESTS AND THE PEOPLE MARCHED AROUND THE WALLS SEVEN TIMES—THE PRIESTS BLEW ON THE TRUMPETS ---



AND WHEN JOSHUA GAVE THE SIGNAL, THE PEOPLE SHOUTED WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT ---



—AND GOD MADE THE WALLS OF JERICO FALL ---



THE ISRAELITES RUSH INTO THE CITY ---



THIS IS RAHAB'S HOUSE WHICH WE PROMISED TO SPARE IN THE LORD'S NAME!

IT SHALL BE SPARED—BUT THE REST OF THE HAVE DEFIED GO





SO THE CITY OF JERICO FELL AND THE HEBREWS WENT TO LIVE IN IT—BUT THE REST OF THE LAND OF CANAAN REMAINED UNCONQUERED

NEXT, WE ATTACK THE CITY OF AI, BUT IT IS STRONG, SO WE MUST PREPARE!

LET US SEND 3,000 MEN AGAINST IT AT ONCE IN A SURPRISE ATTACK!



BUT AT AI, THE ISRAELITES WERE DEFEATED—GOD PUNISHED THEM FOR THE WRONGDOING OF A FEW WHO STOLE BOOTY FROM THE CITY

THE ISRAELITES SHALL FIND AI WILL NOT BE TAKEN AS WAS JERICO!

THE LORD HAS DESERTED US—WHY?



BACK AT THE ISRAELITE CAMP

IT IS CHARGED THAT YOU DIS-OBEYED AND LOOTED WHEN WE TOOK JERICO!

I, ACHEN OF JUDAH CONFESS!—I STOLE SILVER AND GOLD AND BURIED THEM IN MY TENT—IT IS MY FAULT THAT THE LORD PUNISHED US

FOR YOUR SIN THE PUNISHMENT IS DEATH!



AFTER THE WRONGDOER HAD BEEN PUNISHED, THE ISRAELITES RETURNED TO ATTACK AI AGAIN

NOW WE MUST FOOL THE MEN OF AI AND TAKE THE CITY BY A RUSE! —  
—WE CANNOT CONQUER IT OTHERWISE!



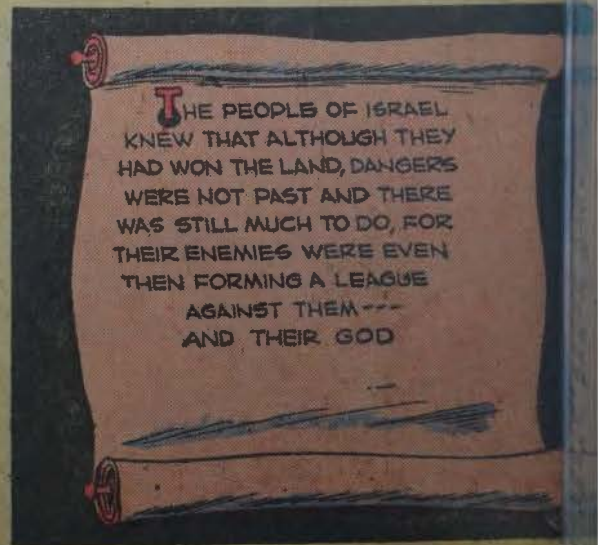
WE SHALL SEND MEN TO ATTACK THE GATES OF AI—SUDDENLY THEY MUST TURN AND RUN AWAY—THE MEN OF AI WILL THINK WE ARE AFRAID AND WILL OPEN THE GATES TO FOLLOW US—BUT WE SHALL HAVE MEN HIDING WHO WILL THEN RUSH INTO THE CITY!



RETREAT NOW, MEN! —  
NOT TOO FAST, SO THEY WILL OPEN THE GATES AND FOLLOW!









HOZONDEK, AMORITE KING OF JERUSALEM, SUMMONS HIS OTHER AMORITE KINGS TO FORM AN ALLIANCE AND JOIN THEIR ARMIES TOGETHER...

ONE CAN RESIST US EAST OF JERUSALEM, BUT NOT WEST OF JERUSALEM, THE ISRAELITES!

WE WILL STRIKE FIRST—BUT WE MUST HASTEN!

THE GIBIONITES MAY CAUSE TROUBLE IF WE DELAY!



THE GIBIONITES, FEARING THE STRENGTH OF THE ISRAELITES, SOUGHT TO MAKE A PACT WITH JOSHUA TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, INSTEAD OF UNITING WITH THE OTHER TRIBES TO FIGHT THE ISRAELITES—THEY PRETENDED TO HAVE COME FROM A GREAT DISTANCE, BUT REALLY WERE AN ENEMY TRIBE...

WE ARE POOR AND CANNOT DEFEND OURSELVES—YET THE KINGS IN CANAAN HAVE UNITED TO CRUSH US AND YOU!



WATER...

THE GIBIONITES HAVE TRICKED US—THEY ARE A HIVITE PEOPLE AND DO NOT LIVE FAR AWAY!

WE SHALL FIGHT FOR THEM, THOUGH, BECAUSE WE PROMISED TO—BUT WHEN WE WIN, THEY SHALL SERVE US!



THE GIBIONITES, BESIEGED BY THE FIVE KINGS AND THEIR ARMIES, SENT WORD TO JOSHUA TO COME AND HELP THEM—THE FIVE ARMIES ARE BEATEN---

AFTER THEM! CAPTURE THEIR KINGS!



JOSHUA ASKS FOR A MIRACLE---

SUN, DO NOT SET! MOON, DO NOT RISE! MAY THE LORD DELAY DARKNESS UNTIL OUR ENEMIES ARE DESTROYED--



AND THE SUN DID NOT SET UNTIL THE ENEMY WAS DESTROYED...

LOOK! THE SUN DOES NOT MOVE! EVEN THE HEAVENS FIGHT AGAINST US!

COURAGE, MEN! GOD FIGHTS ON OUR SIDE!



"AND THERE WAS NO DAY LIKE THAT BEFORE IT OR AFTER IT, THAT THE LORD HEARKENED UNTO THE VOICE OF A MAN: FOR THE LORD FOUGHT FOR ISRAEL."



# THE STORY OF JOSHUA

## PART TWO

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS  
OF JOSHUA\* AND JUDGES

(\* SPELLED "JOSUE" IN  
THE DOUAY VERSION. )

JOSHUA'S ARMIES CONTINUED TO GAIN VICTORIES AS CANAAN WAS CONQUERED—HAZOR, A POWERFUL CITY WAS TAKEN AND BURNED TO THE GROUND ---



JOSHUA WON BY QUICK MARCHES AND SURPRISE ATTACKS --- EVEN THE TRIBE OF ANAKIM, THE TERROR OF THE ISRAELITES, WERE ROUTED ---



FOR SIX YEARS JOSHUA CONTINUED HIS VICTORIES UNTIL THIRTY-ONE KINGS AND THEIR PEOPLE HAD BEEN SUBDUED ---



KINGS IN THOSE DAYS WERE TRIBAL CHIEFS, AND OFTEN THEIR CITIES WERE VERY SMALL...

WHEN JOSHUA AND HIS LEADERS HAD CONQUERED NEARLY ALL THE CITIES OF CANAAN, HE STOPPED HIS VICTORIOUS MARCH LONG ENOUGH TO DIVIDE THE LAND AMONG ELEVEN OF THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL AS THEIR INHERITANCE - ALL THE PEOPLE NOW KNEW THAT GOD HAD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO MOSES THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE NEW HOMES IN THE PROMISED LAND ---

THE ONE TRIBE WHICH WAS GIVEN NO LAND WAS THE LEVITES.

WE HAVE NO LAND, BUT WE ARE THE PRIESTLY TRIBE AND THE OTHER TRIBES GIVE US ONE TENTH OF WHAT THEIR LAND BRINGS FORTH!





THEN SOME ISRAELITES MET TOGETHER TO PLAN HOW THEY MIGHT HONOR JOSHUA, THEIR LEADER---

WE MUST SHOW JOSHUA THAT WE APPRECIATE HIM! --IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM, WHERE WOULD WE BE?

JUST AS JOSHUA APPORTIONED THE LAND TO US, LET US NOW GIVE HIM LAND FROM OUR INHERITANCE!

A FINE IDEA -- LET'S DO IT AT ONCE!



LATER---

JOSHUA, WE WANT YOU TOO, TO HAVE AN INHERITANCE, A REWARD FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU HAVE DONE!

WE SHALL GIVE YOU THE CITY OF TIMNATH-SERAH IN MOUNT EPHRAIM!



THANK YOU! --IN THAT CITY I WILL BUILD A HOUSE-- I WILL LIVE THERE AND IT SHALL BE MY HOME!

IT IS LITTLE ENOUGH FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE!



JOSHUA MADE SIX CITIES--"CITIES OF REFUGE". IF A MAN WHO KILLED ANOTHER BY ACCIDENT, REACHED ONE OF THEM, HE WAS SAFE FROM BLOOD VENGEANCE--

IF I CAN GET THERE, I WILL HAVE A FAIR TRIAL!

CATCH HIM BEFORE HE REACHES THE CITY!



THUS JOSHUA RAISED THE STANDARDS OF JUSTICE...

THEN FOLLOWED A SHORT PERIOD OF PEACE, AS THE ISRAELITES SETTLED DOWN IN THEIR NEW LAND OF CANAAN---

OUR NEW LAND IS NEARLY REBUILT, AFTER OUR TERRIBLE WARS!

YES, AND WE ARE FINDING A MEASURE OF HAPPINESS HERE, FOR JOSHUA IS A WISE RULER.



SO UNDER JOSHUA, ISRAEL WAS GRADUALLY BECOMING A STRONG NATION, AS THEY WON AND WORKED THE LANDS WHICH GOD HAD PROMISED THEM.

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, HAS GIVEN US PEACE, BUT TAKE CARE TO OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS FOR MOSES TAUGHT US TO LOVE THE LORD AND WALK IN HIS WAYS!





**Y**EARS PASSED AND JOSHUA GREW VERY OLD —  
ONE DAY HE CALLED THE LEADERS OF ISRAEL  
TO SPEAK TO THEM ---

WHY DID YOU  
CALL US,  
JOSHUA?

I AM GETTING OLD —  
WE MUST TALK TOGETHER  
FOR I HAVE NOT MUCH  
LONGER TO LIVE!



ALL MY LIFE THE LORD GOD  
HAS FOUGHT ON OUR SIDE —  
NOW OUR ENEMIES ARE DESTROYED  
OR WEAKENED — THOSE WHO REMAIN  
PAY US ANNUAL TRIBUTE — THE NEW  
LANDS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED AMONG  
THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL — BECAUSE OF  
THESE THINGS, WE MUST BE COURAGEOUS  
AND EVER LOYAL  
TO GOD!



CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE  
— THE TRUE GOD OR THE GODS  
OF THE AMORITES — AS FOR ME,  
I WILL SERVE THE LORD!

GOD FORBID  
THAT WE SHOULD  
FORSAKE THE LORD  
— WE WILL SERVE  
THE LORD!

AYE, INDEED  
WE SHALL  
SERVE THE  
LORD GOD!



**A**T THE AGE OF 110 YEARS JOSHUA DIED —  
THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WERE FILLED  
WITH SORROW AT HIS BURIAL ---



**W**HEN JOSHUA DIED, LEADERSHIP IN THE WAR  
AGAINST THE CANAANITES FELL TO THE TRIBES  
OF SIMEON AND JUDAH ---

THE TRIBE OF SIMEON  
MUST LEAD THE  
ISRAELITES NOW!

YES, UNITED WE  
CAN CONQUER, BUT  
OUR CITIES ARE  
NOT YET FREE FROM  
DANGER!



**W**HEN THE SMALL TRIBE OF SIMEON AND THE  
POWERFUL TRIBE OF JUDAH UNITED TO FIGHT,  
THEIR ARMIES FELT CONFIDENT THAT THEY  
WOULD WIN ---

LET US FIGHT THE  
CANAANITES AND  
PERIZZITES  
AT ONCE!

AND STOP KING  
ADONI-BEZEK  
FROM MAKING  
THOSE RAIDS  
AGAINST US!







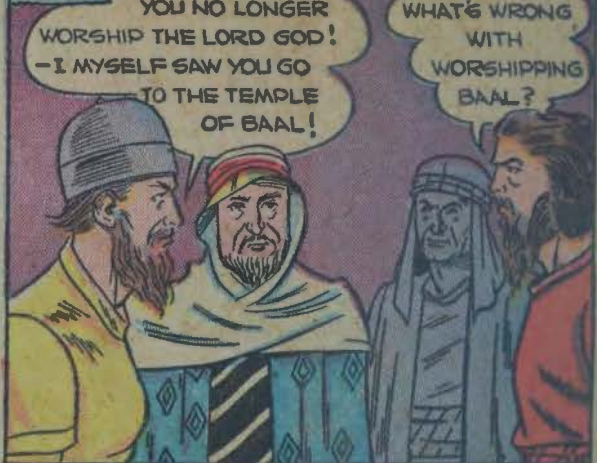
THEY TOOK ADONI-BEZEK, AFTERWARD, TO JERUSALEM, WHERE HE DIED, UNMOURNED — LATER, THE ISRAELITES WENT OUT AGAIN, TO BEAT BACK THE CANAANITES FURTHER, TO DISTANT MOUNTAINS AND THROUGH MANY VALLEYS



SO THE TRIBES OF JUDAH AND SIMEON CONQUERED THEIR ENEMIES IN HEBRON AND DEBIR AND IN MANY OTHER PLACES ---



BUT AS THEY BECAME CONQUERORS, THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BEGAN TO FORGET THEIR GOD---



LATER MANY ISRAELITES WERE DISLOYAL TO GOD---



SUDDENLY A VOICE IS HEARD!



OUR LORD MEANT THAT IF WE DO NOT RETURN TO HIS WAYS, WE SHALL HAVE TROUBLE FOR IF WE ARE NOT FAITHFUL TO HIM, WE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO CONQUER THE CANAANITES!



THE ISRAELITES WERE BEATEN ALSO BY THE MESOPOTAMIAN INVADER, WHO RULED THEM FOR EIGHT YEARS--IN THEIR TROUBLE THEY CRIED TO GOD, WHO SENT THEM A DELIVERER--OTHNIEL, WHO WENT TO WAR AND DROVE OUT THE FOREIGN KING---





# The Story of DEBORAH\*

THE WOMAN JUDGE WHO SAVED ISRAEL

(FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES  
CHAPTERS FOUR AND FIVE  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS)

\*SPELLED DEBBORA IN THE DOUAY VERSION



NOT LONG AFTER JOSHUA DIED,  
ISRAEL AGAIN FORGOT GOD'S  
WAYS AND TURNED TO RICHES  
AND PLEASURE...

LET'S HAVE  
FUN INSTEAD  
OF GOING TO  
WORSHIP!

KING JABIN  
INVADE US?  
THAT'S SILLY  
TALK!



BUT KING JABIN, OF CANAAN,  
FOR TWENTY YEARS THE  
OPPRESSOR OF ISRAEL, DECIDED  
TO INVADE AGAIN...

IT WILL BE  
EASY TO  
TAKE ISRAEL!

THEY ARE  
NOT STRONG  
ENOUGH TO  
RESIST!



YOU, GENERAL  
SISERA, WILL  
TAKE COMMAND,  
AND SUBDUCE  
ISRAEL, FOR  
ME!

THEY DON'T  
KNOW THE  
ART OF WAR  
—I DO!  
WE'LL WIN  
AND GRIND  
THEIR FACES  
IN THE DIRT,  
ONCE MORE!



OFF  
THESE  
STREETS,  
YOU!

YOU'LL OBEY  
SISERA FROM  
NOW ON!



THE ISRAELITES MOANED...

A SAD  
DAY FOR  
OUR NATION!

IT IS THE  
OLD STORY  
AGAIN—WE  
HAVE  
NEGLECTED  
GOD!

TOO LATE  
FOR HELP  
NOW,  
I FEAR!





OVER ISRAEL RULED A WOMAN JUDGE AND PROPHETESS NAMED DEBORAH

YES, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE-- I'LL DO IT!

SISERA MAKES SLAVES OF US!

THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT!



I'LL HOLD COURT HERE-- CITIES ARE NOT SAFE-- I CAN THINK BETTER!

HERE AT MOUNT EPHRAIM IT'S QUIETER TOO!-- WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS, JUDGE DEBORAH?



GET THOSE ORDERS TO GENERAL BARAK SWIFTLY, MESSENGER!

AT LAST-- WE SHALL FIGHT THIS SISERA!

I WILL GO TO BARAK-- SURELY HE CAN SAVE US!



THE MESSENGER BRINGS BARAK

I COME, DEBORAH! YOU WISH ME TO CALL UP AN ARMY?

AH, BARAK!-- THE TIME HAS COME-- GOD HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT YOU MUST GO TO MT. TABOR WITH 10,000 MEN!



OUR CHANCES ARE VERY SLIM, DEBORAH-- I AM UNWILLING TO DO IT UNLESS YOU ALSO GO ALONG!

YOU NEED NOT FEAR-- TOGETHER WE WILL DELIVER ISRAEL!



I FEAR SISERA'S CHARIOTS WILL CUT OUR ARMY TO PIECES!

FAINT HEART! GOD HAS REVEALED THAT SISERA WILL FALL-- AND BY A WOMAN'S HAND!







ARE YOU  
READY,  
MEN?

MEN OF  
ISRAEL, FIGHT  
FOR GOD  
AND  
FREEDOM!

DEBORAH  
AND  
BARAK,  
WE'RE  
READY!



ON THE LONG MARCH, DEBORAH AND BARAK  
HALT THEIR ARMIES ON THE PLAIN OF ZANAIM--

THE HEAT IS CRUEL -  
IT MUST BE  
ALMOST MIDDAY!

DOWN THE VALLEY  
IS A DWELLING.  
WHEN WE REACH  
THAT TENT, WE WILL  
HALT TO REST!

THEY REST AT THE TENT OF HEBER, THE KENITE,  
AS Jael, HEBER'S WIFE, TALKS LONG WITH  
DEBORAH, THE WOMAN JUDGE \*\*\*



I, TOO AM OF KIN TO  
MOSES-I WISH I WERE  
A GREAT WOMAN LIKE  
YOU, TO HELP OUR  
ARMIES WIN!

EVERYONE CAN  
DO HIS PART-  
PERHAPS YOU,  
TOO, Jael, WILL  
HELP US TO  
VICTORY!

MEANTIME SISERA'S SCOUT REPORTS THAT  
THE HEBREWS ARE MARCHING \*\*\*



PUFF PUFF -  
GENERAL! -BARAK  
HAS TEN THOUSAND  
HEBREWS AT MOUNT  
TABOR! -I'VE RUN ALL  
THE WAY TO TELL  
YOU!

WHAT! HOW DARE  
THEY! I'LL SMASH  
THEM FOREVER!



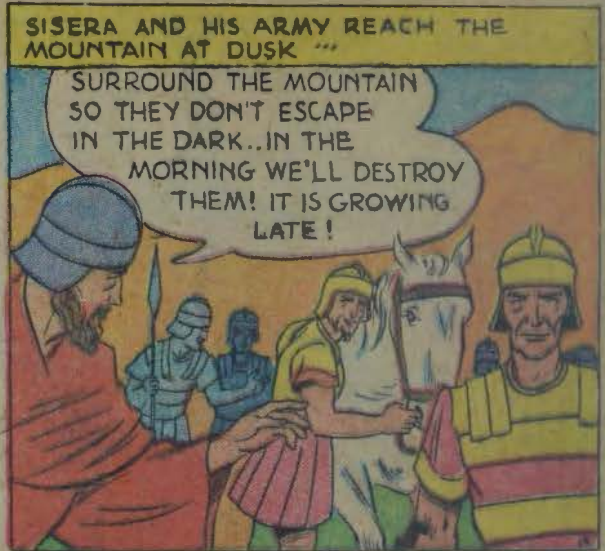
MAKE READY MY 900 CHARIOTS!  
- CRUSH THE 'HEBREWS UNDER  
IRON BATTLE-WAGONS!- I'LL  
TEACH THEM TO DARE TO FIGHT  
FOR FREEDOM!



MEANWHILE SISERA'S ARMIES MARCHED,  
SEARCHING FOR THE FORCES OF BARAK \*\*\*

I MUST MAKE SURE WHERE  
THEY ARE--CAPTURE THOSE  
SHEPHERDS-WE'LL MAKE THEM  
TELL WHERE BARAK MARCHED!





THE HEBREWS  
CHARGE  
DOWN THE  
MOUNTAIN  
BEFORE  
DAWN







NOT A MAN ESCAPED FROM THE HEBREWS BUT SISERA-- BUT HE WAS THE CRUELEST AND MOST DANGEROUS OF THEM ALL





**JAEL SPEAKS WITH A SERVANT...**

THAT IS THE MIGHTY SISERA!

SISERA!--WHEN HE LEARNS WE ARE KIN OF MOSES HE WILL SURELY KILL US! OH, IF I WERE A MAN, A SOLDIER! THEN I COULD STRIKE A BLOW FOR ISRAEL AND FOR GOD!--BUT I AM ONLY A WOMAN, AND I HAVE NO WEAPONS!



DRINK, THEN LIE DOWN!

I CAN RUN NO MORE-- STAND GUARD OUTSIDE LIKE A SOLDIER, WOMAN, WHILE I SLEEP-- I'LL GET AWAY, RAISE A NEW ARMY AND KILL ALL HEBREW REBELS!



**JAEL OUTSIDE THE TENT**

HE WILL KILL ME-- OUGHT I KILL HIM? "STAND GUARD LIKE A SOLDIER" THAT'S IT!-- BUT A SOLDIER OF THE LORD GOD!--IF ONLY I HAD A WEAPON!



A SIGN FROM HEAVEN! HERE **ARE** WEAPONS! DEBORAH SAID THAT PERHAPS I, TOO, COULD STRIKE A BLOW TO DELIVER ISRAEL!



HE SLEEPS-- THIS IS THE TIME! I STRIKE FOR ISRAEL!



I HAVE DONE IT! NO LONGER NOW WILL SISERA PERSECUTE THE ISRAELITES! --SO END TWENTY YEARS OF OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE! MAY GOD FORGIVE BOTH HIM AND ME!



**MEANTIME**

LOOK--SISERA'S CHARIOT! THIS IS WHERE HE ESCAPED FROM BARAK

THAT'S BAD-- SISERA'S A VERY DANGEROUS MAN!





DIRECTING THE HUNT FOR SISERA, BARAK AND DEBORAH COME TO Jael's TENT...

SISERA ALONE HAS ESCAPED. WE MUST CAPTURE HIM, OR HE WILL RAISE ANOTHER ARMY AND WIPE US OUT IN VENGEANCE!



COME AND I WILL SHOW YOU THE MAN YOU ARE LOOKING FOR - I HAVE SLAIN HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS!



JUDGE ME MERCIFULLY DEBORAH! - TELL ME THE PUNISHMENT FOR MY TRANSGRESSION



NO PUNISHMENT, BUT REJOICING, SOLDIER OF THE LORD - GOD HAS REVEALED THAT SISERA WOULD FALL BY A WOMAN'S HAND! YOU SHALL BE BLEST ABOVE ALL OTHER WOMEN!



THE ISRAELITES MARCH HOME

GOD AND ISRAEL TRIUMPH TODAY!



THEN DEBORAH AND BARAK MADE A SONG IN PRAISE OF GOD FOR FREEING ISRAEL

BLESSED AMONG WOMEN SHALL Jael BE! SO PERISH THE LORD'S ENEMIES!

BUT LET THEM THAT LOVE HIM BE AS THE SUN WHEN HE GOETH FORTH IN HIS MIGHT!



END



# THE STORY OF GIDEON\*

THE FARMER WARRIOR WHO FREED ISRAEL  
YET REFUSED TO BECOME HER KING

(FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES,  
CHAPTERS 6-8 KING JAMES,  
DOUAY AND J.P.S.A. VERSIONS)

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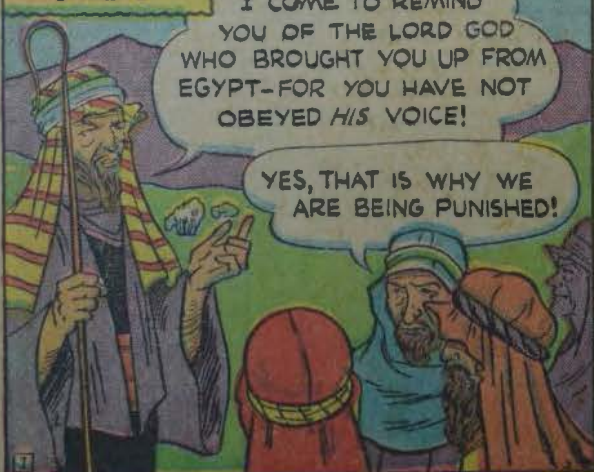
EVERY HARVEST SEASON FOR SEVEN YEARS, THE MIDIANITES AND OTHER TRIBES INVADIED ISRAEL, DESTROYING THEIR GRAIN AND TAKING THEIR CATTLE ...



THE ISRAELITES ARE FORCED TO FLEE INTO HIDING ...



A PROPHET COMES TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL -



AND SO THE JEWS REPENTED ...





AT ONE PLACE A MAN BESIDE A WINEPRESS SECRETLY THRESHES WHEAT---

HOW LONG I CAN DO THIS, GOD ONLY KNOWS!- IF I'M CAUGHT---



SUDDENLY

GO, GIDEON, AND SAVE ISRAEL FROM THE MIDIANITES!

BUT I AM FROM A POOR FAMILY! NOBODY KNOWS ME - GIVE ME SOME SIGN FROM YOURSELF!



GIDEON OFFERS A KID AND SMALL CAKES AS A SACRIFICE; AND AS HE PLACES THE KID ON A ROCK SUDDENLY---

AN ANGEL STRIKING FIRE!-- NOW I KNOW GOD IS WITH ME!



THAT NIGHT GIDEON WITH TEN PICKED MEN SMASHED BAAL, A HEATHEN IDOL ---



DESTROY THIS FALSE GOD AND THE SACRED GROVE!  
WE DEFY THE POWER OF BAAL!

GIDEON KNOWS THAT SMASHING THE IDOL MEANS WAR. SO

THIS IS THE CALL TO ARMS!

YES, AND MESSENGERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO OTHER TRIBES WHO WILL MEET HERE!



WE'RE READY, GIDEON!

WE'LL FIGHT!

THOUSANDS COME!

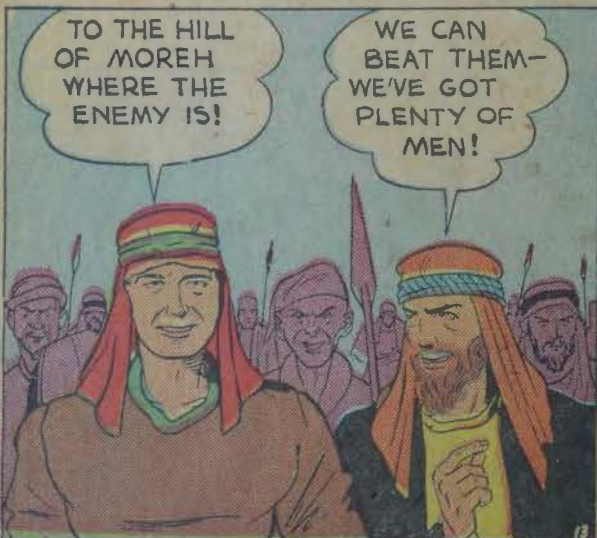




FEARING TO RISK PEOPLE'S LIVES NEEDLESSLY, GIDEON REQUESTS A SIGN FROM THE LORD. A FLEECE IS LEFT ON THE GROUND ALL NIGHT, AND NEXT MORNING...



THE FOLLOWING MORNING DEW HAS WET THE GROUND BUT THE FLEECE IS COMPLETELY DRY--





ONLY A FEW  
DO NOT KNEEL  
WHILE DRINKING,  
THESE REMAIN  
ON THE ALERT,  
HOLDING THEIR  
WEAPONS  
IN ONE HAND.

ARE THEY THE  
MEN WHO HAD  
REFUSED TO  
KNEEL TO  
BAAL?



GOD TELLS GIDEON TO PICK OUT THESE 300  
MEN

NOW RUN AND PICK OUT  
ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE  
REFUSED TO KNEEL TO  
DRINK!! - SEND THE  
REST HOME!

BUT GIDEON, WE'LL  
HAVE ONLY THREE  
HUNDRED MEN!



MEN, GOD HAS  
PICKED YOU FOR A  
TOUGH ASSIGNMENT,  
BUT YOU WILL WIN!



THE MIDIANITES APPROACH AND PITCH  
THEIR TENTS IN THE VALLEY BELOW...

THEY'VE PITCHED  
CAMP! NOW WE WILL  
WORK OUT A PLAN  
OF ATTACK!



GIDEON KNOWS HE MUST USE STRATEGY  
WITH SO FEW MEN--HE CREEPS TO THE  
OUTSIDE OF THE MIDIANITE TENTS AT NIGHT  
AND OVERHEARS...

I HAD A STRANGE  
DREAM--A CAKE OF  
BARLEY BREAD CAME  
TUMBLING IN UPON US  
AND DESTROYED  
OUR CAMP!

THIS MEANS  
THAT GOD WILL  
DELIVER US  
MIDIANITES  
INTO GIDEON'S  
HANDS!





**GIDEON NOW CALLS HIS MEN TOGETHER AFTER MIDNIGHT, AND EXPLAINS HIS PLANS ---**

YOU HAVE YOUR PITCHERS WITH LIGHTED CANDLES IN THEM--NOW SURROUND THEIR CAMP --AT THE FIRST BLAST OF MY TRUMPET BREAK YOUR PITCHERS, BLOW YOUR TRUMPETS AND CRY "THE SWORD OF THE LORD AND OF GIDEON!"



**WHEN GIDEON BLEW HIS TRUMPET HIS MEN DID AS INSTRUCTED ---**



**THE SWORD OF THE LORD AND OF GIDEON! THE SWORD OF THE LORD AND OF GIDEON!**

AN OVERPOWERING ARMY! WE ARE SURROUNDED!!



THE SUDDEN NIGHT ATTACK AND THE SHOUTING BRING TERROR TO THE CAMP OF THE MIDIANITES AND THEY FLEE IN PANIC ---

THE PLAN WORKED-- THE MIDIANITES TAKE EACH OTHER FOR AN ENEMY! AFTER THEM! LET NOT A MAN ESCAPE!



**OTHER TRIBES OF ISRAEL, NOW AROUSED ALSO PURSUED THE FLEEING OPPRESSORS.**

LOOK, THE EPHRAIMITES ARE JOINING US!

YES, AND THEY'VE CAPTURED THE TWO PRINCES, OREB AND ZEEB!





**A**FTER  
THE  
BATTLE  
IS  
WON

WE ARE NOW  
FREE OF ALL  
OUR ENEMIES...  
WE CAN LIVE  
AT PEACE!

GIDEON HAS FREED US!  
LET US MAKE HIM KING!

NOW THAT  
I HAVE DONE  
MY JOB, BACK  
TO MY WORK  
AS A FARMER!

**A**LTHOUGH ENTREATED TO SERVE AS KING,  
GIDEON REFUSES

RULE US,  
ONLY  
YOU!

HAIL  
GIDEON!  
BE OUR  
KING!

THE HONOR IS  
GREAT, BUT I WILL  
NOT RULE-- YOU  
HAVE ONLY ONE  
KING--THE LORD--  
HE SHALL ALONE  
RULE!

ALL I ASK FOR IS THE  
GOLD EARRINGS TAKEN  
FROM OUR ENEMIES --- WITH  
THESE I WILL ORNAMENT A  
ROBE AS A REMEMBRANCE OF  
OUR VICTORY!

MAY WE ALWAYS OBEY  
THE LORD SO THAT WE SHALL  
NOT BE ATTACKED AGAIN FOR  
DISOBEDIENCE-- GO HOME  
AND LIVE IN PEACE!

GIDEON WILL NOT  
BE OUR KING, BUT  
HE RULES US BY HIS  
GREATNESS!

**A**ND THOUGH GIDEON REFUSED TO BECOME KING  
OF ISRAEL, HE LIVED LONG AND HAD MANY SONS

GIDEON, OUR FATHER,  
IS STILL LOVED BY  
ALL ISRAEL!

AND HIS  
GREAT DEEDS  
WILL ALWAYS BE  
REMEMBERED!

**I**SRAEL HAD FORTY YEARS OF PEACE!

**END**



# THE STORY OF SAMSON

CHAPTERS 13 THROUGH 16.  
FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES,  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS.



**S**AMSON LIVED IN THE DAYS WHEN THE PHILISTINES WERE CONQUERORS OF PALESTINE. HIS PARENTS HOPED THAT ONE DAY THIS BABY WOULD GROW UP TO FREE THE HEBREWS FROM THEIR OPPRESSORS ~

THE HAIR OF HIS HEAD SHALL NEVER BE CUT, A SIGN WE HAVE DEDICATED HIM TO GOD!



**S**AMSON, NOW A YOUNG MAN, DECIDED TO GO ABOUT AMONG THE PHILISTINES, TO KNOW THEM BETTER, SO HE COULD DEFEAT THEM ~

I'LL GO AMONG THE PHILISTINES- BUT LOOK!-A YOUNG LION!



**S**AMSON IS STRONG ENOUGH TO KILL THE LION WITH HIS BARE HANDS ~

GOD HAS GIVEN ME THIS GREAT STRENGTH!



**S**AMSON MET A WOMAN OF THE PHILISTINES WHOM HE ASKED IN MARRIAGE -

I WILL MAKE YOU MY WIFE!



**S**AMPSON FINDS THE DEAD BODY OF THE LION WITH BEES MAKING HONEY, OF WHICH HE EATS, TAKING SOME HOME

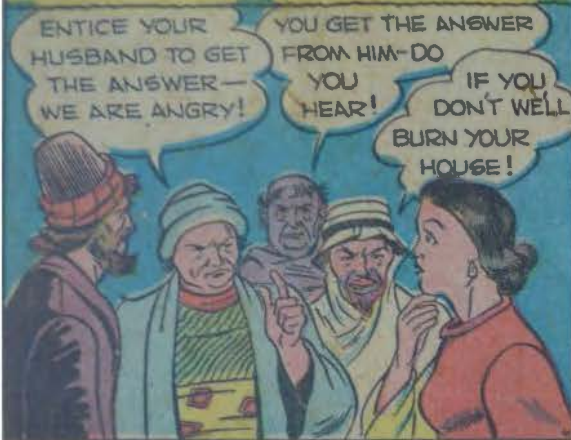
**A**T THE WEDDING FEAST SAMSON PROPOSES A RIDDLE TO THE SNEERING PHILISTINES ~

IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS RIDDLE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, I WILL GIVE YOU THIRTY COATS AND SHIRTS- IF YOU FAIL, YOU MUST GIVE ME A LIKE NUMBER: "OUT OF THE EATER CAME FOOD!-OUT OF THE STRONG CAME FORTH SWEETNESS!"





ON THE SEVENTH DAY STILL UNABLE TO ANSWER THE RIDDLE, THEY WENT TO SAMSON'S WIFE ~~~~



SAMSON'S WIFE KEPT CRYING AND NAGGING HIM TO TELL HER THE RIDDLE ~~~~



LATER, THE GUESTS COME TO ANSWER SAMSON'S RIDDLE!



SAMSON PAYS HIS WAGER BY TAKING GOODS AWAY FROM 30 PHILISTINES WHOM HE KILLS— HE RETURNS TO HIS FATHER'S HOUSE ~~~~



WHILE SAMSON WAS AWAY, HIS WIFE'S FATHER GAVE HER IN MARRIAGE TO ANOTHER MAN— WHEN SAMSON RETURNED AND LEARNED THIS, HE WAS SO ENRAGED THAT HE AGAIN VOWED VENGEANCE ON THE PHILISTINES ~~~~~

SAMSON TIED FIREBRANDS ON THE TAILS OF 300 FOXES WHO RAN MADLY THROUGH THE WHEAT FIELDS, SETTING FIRE TO THEM ~~~~



THE PHILISTINES WERE ENRAGED AT WHAT SAMSON HAD DONE ~~~~





WHILE THE PHILISTINES HUNTED SAMSON WITH AN ARMY, HIS OWN COUNTRYMEN, FEARING THE VENGEANCE OF THEIR CONQUERORS, DELIVERED HIM TO THEM-

DON'T KILL ME!

WE'LL BIND YOU BUT NOT KILL YOU!

THE PHILISTINES ARE OUR RULERS - YOU WILL GET US IN TROUBLE WITH THEM!

WE'LL LEAD YOU INTO THE PHILISTINES' CAMP, BOUND!

HIS COUNTRYMEN ARE BRINGING SAMSON TO US - WE'LL PUNISH HIM NOW!

HE BURNED THE WHEAT!

GOD - GIVE ME STRENGTH TO FIGHT THEM!

**S**AMSON RECEIVED STRENGTH OF THE LORD AND IN A BURST OF ENERGY SNAPPED HIS BONDS AND SNATCHED UP A BONE FROM THE GROUND

WITH THE JAWBONE OF AN ASS I WILL FIGHT MY ENEMIES!

I WILL SLAY THESE MEN!

WITH HIS SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH SAMSON KILLED

1000 OF HIS ENEMIES!

I HAVE DESTROYED THE PHILISTINE ARMY! NOW, I SHALL RULE MY OWN PEOPLE!

**A**ND DURING THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS SAMSON RULED AS A JUDGE OVER ISRAEL!



ONE DAY SAMSON VISITED THE CITY OF GAZA AND PLOTTING MEN SAW HIM



WHEN SAMSON CAME TOWARD THE CITY GATE AND FOUND IT LOCKED, HIS SUSPICIONS GREW





**S**AMSON COMES TO LOVE A GIRL NAMED DELILAH— SECRETLY SHE HAD AGREED TO SPY FOR THE PHILISTINES ~

THE PHILISTINES HAVE ASKED ME TO FIND OUT WHERE HIS STRENGTH LIES!

WHAT WORRIES YOU, DELILAH? YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY!



**T**HE PHILISTINES PROMISED DELILAH HUNDREDS OF PIECES OF SILVER IF SHE COULD LEARN THE SECRET OF SAMSON'S STRENGTH—

TELL ME, I PRAY, WHEREIN DOES YOUR GREAT STRENGTH LIE?



**S**AMSON SUSPECTS A TRICK AND DOES NOT REVEAL HIS SECRET ~

BIND ME WITH SEVEN GREEN STRANDS AND I SHALL BE WEAK!



**L**ATER, THE PHILISTINES GAVE HER THE SEVEN STRANDS, AND SHE FOUND SAMSON WILLING TO BE BOUND ~

I SHALL SEE IF YOU CAN BREAK THESE BONDS!

WE SHALL SEE!



AND WHO ARE THOSE MEN HIDING THERE?



IT IS THE PHILISTINES, SAMSON!

**HO! THEY FLEE!**  
—THEY HAD BETTER, OR I'LL BREAK THEM ALL!



SO FAR YOU HAVE NOT ANSWERED MY QUESTION— YOU HAVE TOLD ME ONLY LIES!





BUT STILL SAMSON DID NOT TRUST DELILAH---



GETTING THE NEW ROPE, DELILAH AGAIN BINDS SAMSON!



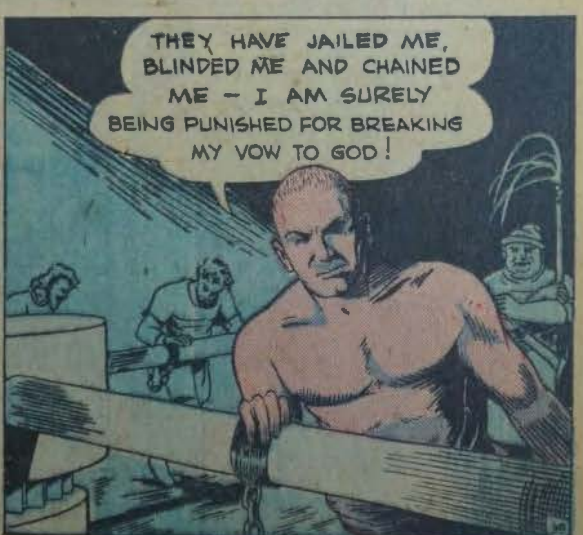
THE NEW ROPES SNAP UNDER SAMSON'S POWER---



DELILAH GAVE SAMSON NO REST, AND FINALLY ONE DAY---



DELILAH COAXED SAMSON TO GO TO SLEEP AND LET THE PHILISTINES IN TO CUT OFF HIS HAIR---

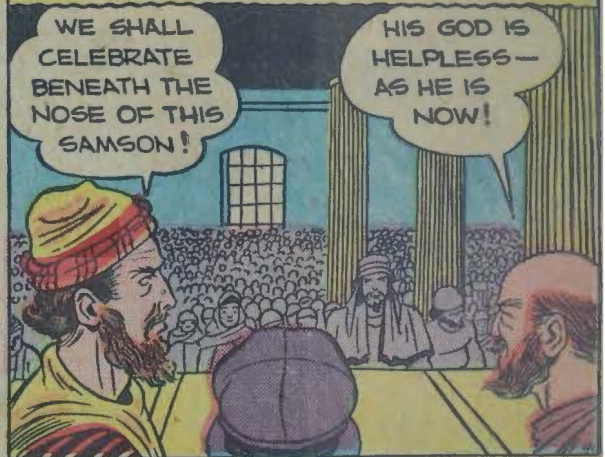




**SAMSON FEELS HIS STRENGTH RETURNING**



**THE PHILISTINES WENT TO THE TEMPLE  
NEXT THE JAIL TO WORSHIP THEIR HEATHEN  
GOD "DAGON" ---**



**SAMSON, BROUGHT IN BY A SMALL BOY,  
WAS PUT BETWEEN TWO GREAT  
PILLARS ---**



**SO** THE TEMPLE  
FELL ON THE  
EVIL PHILISTINES  
AND SAMSON  
PERISHED TOO—  
HE SLEW THERE-  
FORE AT HIS  
DEATH MORE  
THAN HE SLEW  
DURING HIS  
LIFE ---

**END**



# The Story of RUTH

**N**AOMI, A HEBREW WIDOW HAD TWO SONS WHO DIED IN THE LAND OF MOAB. WHILE RETURNING TO HER HOME IN JUDAH, SHE TRIED TO PERSUADE HER TWO DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW TO STAY WITH THEIR OWN PEOPLE IN MOAB.

ARRANGED FROM  
THE OLD TESTAMENT  
BOOK OF RUTH

ONE OF THEM RETURNED, BUT THE OTHER, RUTH, INSISTED ON GOING WITH NAOMI TO JUDAH—

"FOR WHITHER THOU GOEST, I WILL GO, AND WHERE THOU LODGEST, I WILL LODGE. THY PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, AND THY GOD MY GOD."

IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE BARLEY HARVEST AND THEY PAUSED AT THE FIELDS OF A WEALTHY MAN—

IT IS BOAZ, KINSMAN OF MY HUSBAND, AND A MAN OF WEALTH!

LET US GLEAN EARS OF CORN IN HIS FIELD AND FIND GRACE IN HIS SIGHT!

HERE I SHALL STAY, AND YOU SHALL ABIDE ALSO! AND GO AND GLEAN IN THE FIELDS OF BOAZ IF IT IS YOUR WISH, RUTH!

I SHALL GO THIS DAY!

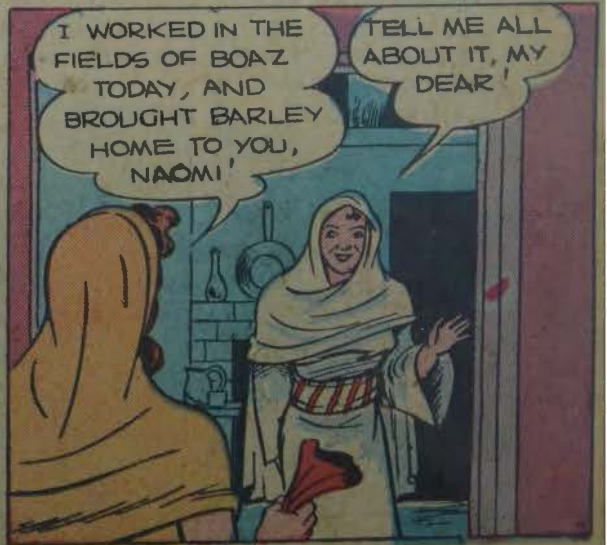
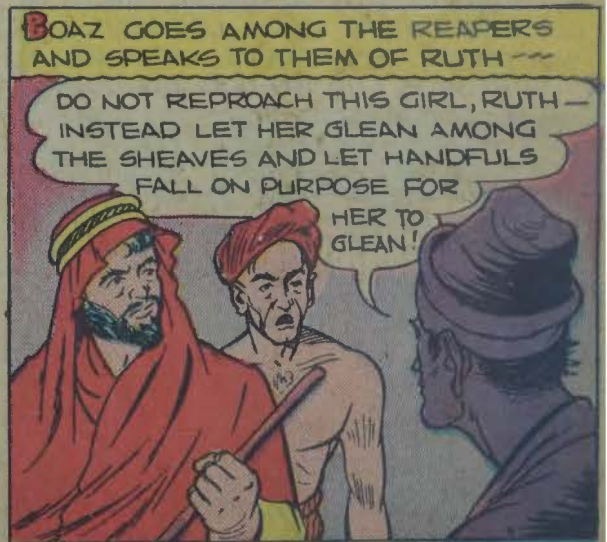
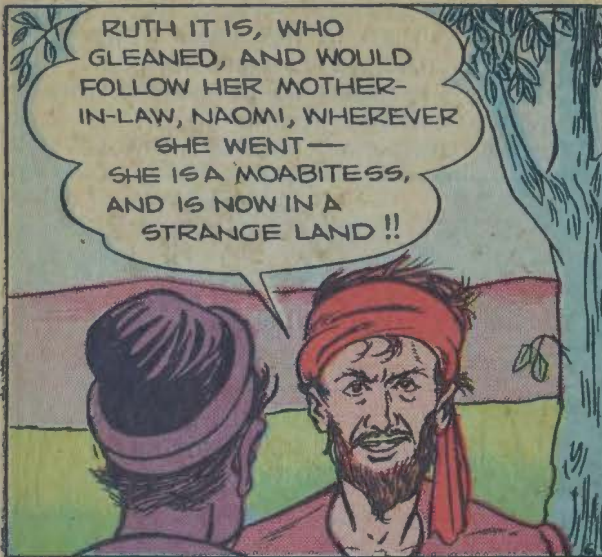
SO RUTH ENTERED THE FIELDS OF BOAZ AND TOOK PART IN THE GLEANING OF THE BARLEY—

I SHALL ASK MY SERVANTS WHO THIS GIRL IS!

TELL ME OF THIS GIRL!

IT IS RUTH, NAOMI'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, SIRE— NAOMI WHOSE HUSBAND WAS A KINSMAN OF YOURS!







SO RUTH WORKED TO THE END OF THE BARLEY HARVEST AND STAYED ON TO WORK THE WHEAT HARVEST---



I AM PLEASED WITH YOUR WORK, RUTH!

ONE DAY, NAOMI SPOKE CONFIDENTIALLY TO RUTH, HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW---

TONIGHT, BOAZ WINNOWS IN THE THRESHING FLOOR - DRESS WELL, AND GO QUIETLY THERE AND WATCH - WHEN HE HAS FINISHED AND HAS EATEN, GO UP TO HIM!



I OBEY, NAOMI!

LATER---

I HAVE FINISHED WINNOWING - NOW FOR FOOD AND THEN A REST



WHEN HE HAS FINISHED, I SHALL GO TO HIM, BUT NOT BEFORE!

I SHALL REST HERE, FOR THERE IS MUCH TO DO ON THE MORROW, AND I MUST BE UP EARLY!

NOW IT IS TIME!



I AM RUTH, YOUR HANDMAIDEN, WHOM YOU LET WORK IN THE FIELDS!

WH-?









EVERY DAY RUTH WORKED IN THE FIELDS OF BOAZ, WHOM SHE NOW LOVED; AND EACH DAY BOAZ WATCHED HER AND WAS PLEASED ~~~

THIS RUTH, THE MOABITRESS, IS FAVORED OF OUR MASTER! AND SHE WORKS WELL INDEED!



ONE DAY, BOAZ WAS SITTING IDLY BY, WHEN A KINSMAN OF HIS APPEARED ~~~

TURN ASIDE AND SIT HERE A MOMENT, KINSMAN!



NOW I SHALL SEEK TEN MEN OF THE ELDERS OF THE CITY AS WITNESSES- DO WAIT FOR ME, HERE, FOR IT'S IMPORTANT!

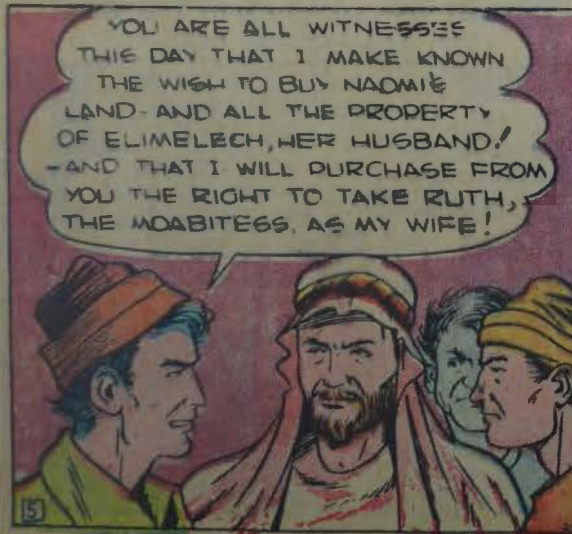


A LITTLE WHILE LATER ~~~

ACCORDING TO THE LAW, AND SO THAT I HAVE WITNESSES, I WILL BUY THE LAND OF NAOMI, AND GIVE YOU TESTIMONY- FOR THIS I HAVE CALLED YOU!



YOU ARE ALL WITNESSES THIS DAY THAT I MAKE KNOWN THE WISH TO BUY NAOMI'S LAND- AND ALL THE PROPERTY OF ELIMELECH, HER HUSBAND! -AND THAT I WILL PURCHASE FROM YOU THE RIGHT TO TAKE RUTH, THE MOABITRESS, AS MY WIFE!

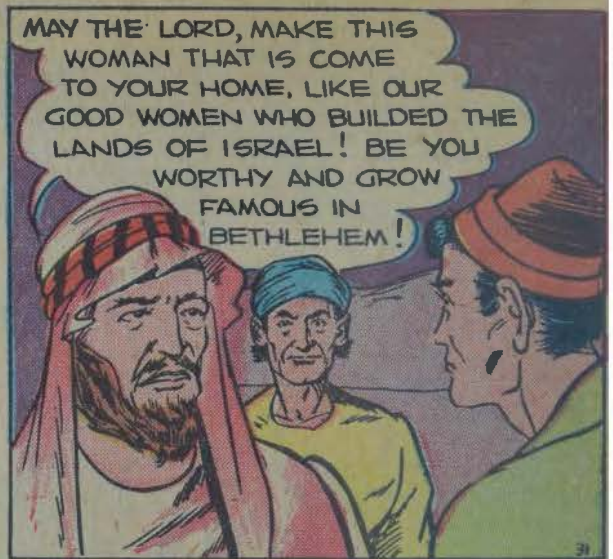


BUT, ACCORDING TO LAW, I CANNOT OBTAIN THIS LAND- ONLY MY KINSMAN, HERE, MAY DO SO BEFORE ME!

YOU MAY REDEEM MY RIGHT TO BUY THE LAND, BOAZ, AND AS A SIGN ACCORDING TO LAW, I SHALL GIVE YOU MY SHOE IN TESTIMONY!







SO IT CAME ABOUT THAT BOAZ BOUGHT NAOMI'S LANDS, AND ASKED RUTH TO BE HIS WIFE ~~~





IN TIME, A SON WAS BORN TO BOAZ—



AT NAOMI'S HOUSE



WE SHALL NAME HIM OBED, MY DEAR, AND HE SHALL BE FAMOUS IN HIS TIME!



AND THEY CALLED HIS NAME OBED, WHO BECAME THE FATHER OF JESSE, WHO IN TURN WAS FATHER OF THE GREAT DAVID, YET TO BE BORN!



THIS BEGAN A FAMOUS LINE OF ISRAEL, AND THEY WERE HAPPY ALL THE DAYS OF THEIR LIVES!



THE END



# The Story of SAMUEL

FROM THE BOOKS OF FIRST AND SECOND SAMUEL IN ALL THREE VERSIONS --- ALSO CALLED FIRST AND SECOND KINGS IN DOLAY VERSION



ON MOUNT EPHRAIM IN THE ANCIENT KINGDOM OF ISRAEL, THERE LIVED A MAN NAMED ELKANAH, WITH HIS WIFE HANNAH. ONCE EACH YEAR THEY WENT UP TO THE CITY OF SHILOH.

HANNAH, WHY ARE YOU CRYING? DON'T YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU? AREN'T WE GOING TOGETHER TO SHILOH TO WORSHIP IN THE GREAT TEMPLE?

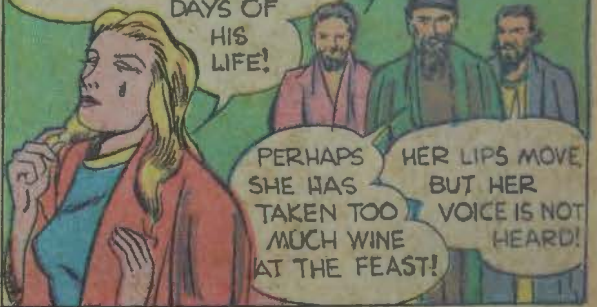
I KNOW ELKANAH BUT I AM UNHAPPY BECAUSE WE HAVE NO SON!



IN THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD WHERE ELI WAS HIGH PRIEST, HANNAH PRAYED THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE A SON.

O LORD OF HOSTS, IF YOU WILL BLESS ME WITH A MAN-CHILD, I WILL GIVE HIM TO SERVE YOU ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE!

THIS WOMAN ACTS STRANGELY, FATHER!



PERHAPS SHE HAS TAKEN TOO MUCH WINE AT THE FEAST!

HER LIPS MOVE, BUT HER VOICE IS NOT HEARD!

NO, ELI, I HAVE DRUNK NO WINE - IN GRIEF HAVE I POURED OUT MY SOUL BEFORE THE LORD!

I AND MY SONS, THE PRIESTS HOPNI AND PHINEHAS, WERE WATCHING YOU - GO IN PEACE AND GOD WILL ANSWER YOUR PRAYER!



AFTER THEY HAD RETURNED TO THEIR HOME IN RAMAH, ELI'S WORDS CAME TRUE - HANNAH GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY SON.

I WILL NAME YOU SAMUEL BECAUSE THAT MEANS "ASKED OF GOD!"



THREE YEARS LATER...

AND AS I VOWED ELI, I BRING MY SON SAMUEL TO YOU - I AM LENDING HIM TO GOD!

HE WILL LIVE HERE WITH ME IN THE TEMPLE - AND LEARN TO SERVE GOD!



I'LL BE A GOOD BOY MOTHER!



SO SAMUEL LIVED AT THE TEMPLE, HELPING OLD ELI AND THE PRIESTS, HIS SONS

NOW THE LAMP  
WILL BURN  
BRIGHTLY  
ELI!

YOU ARE A GOOD  
CHILD - I WISH  
MY OWN SONS  
WERE AS  
GOOD!



BUT HOPHNI AND PHINEHAS DID MANY WRONG THINGS, TAKING BRIBES AND ABUSING THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRIESTS

MY BROTHER AND I  
WILL FIX IT FOR  
YOU..

IF YOU DO  
THERE'LL BE  
MORE MONEY  
FOR YOU!



ONE NIGHT, SAMUEL THINKS HE HEARS A VOICE CALLING

**SAMUEL!**

IT MUST  
BE ELI CALLING  
- I'M COMING  
ELI!



HERE I  
AM! - I  
HEARD YOU  
CALLING!

I DIDN'T CALL  
YOU, SAMUEL!  
GO AND LIE  
DOWN!



AFTER THIS HAD HAPPENED THREE TIMES

IF THE VOICE CALLS  
AGAIN, YOU MUST ANSWER  
"SPEAK, LORD!" FOR IT IS  
THE LORD GOD CALLING  
YOU!

I WILL,  
ELI!



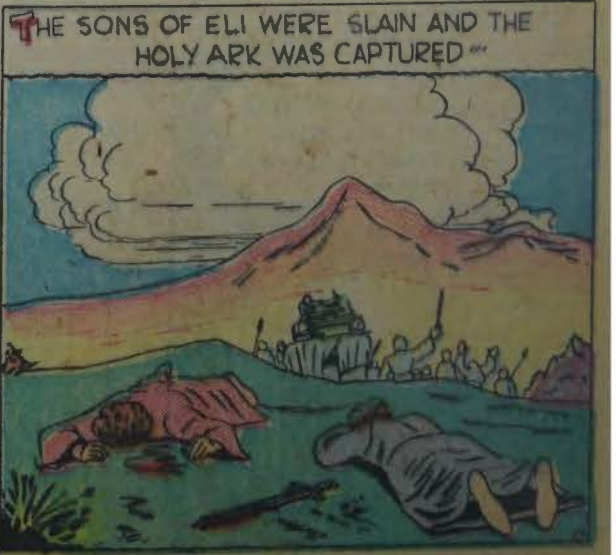
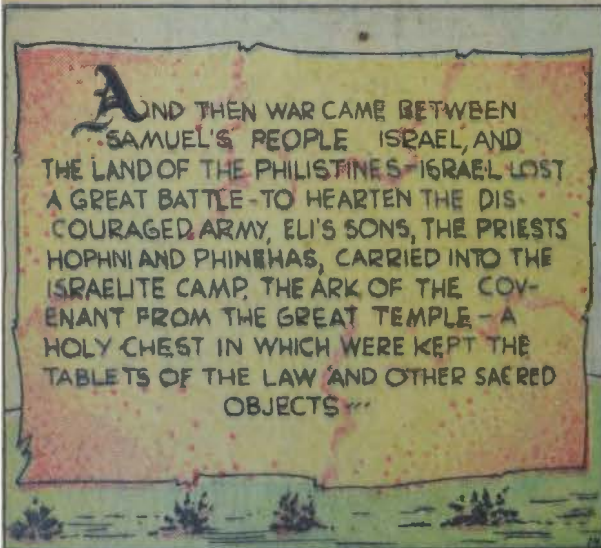
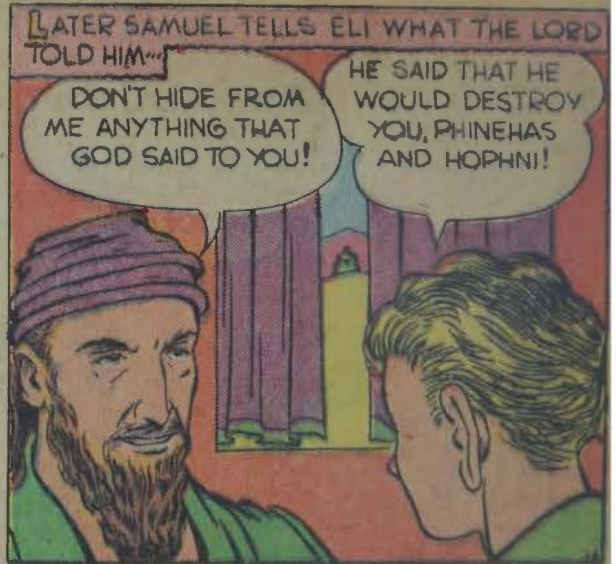
LATER -

**SAMUEL!**

SPEAK, LORD!  
FOR I  
LISTEN!









WHEN NEWS OF THE DEFEAT WAS BROUGHT TO OLD ELI...

WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HIM?

THAT HOPHNI AND PHINEHAS ARE SLAIN AND THAT THE ARK IS TAKEN BY THE PHILISTINES - AND HE FELL AND DIED!



THE PHILISTINES CARRIED THE HOLY ARK TO THE CITY OF ASHDOD, WHERE THEY PUT IT IN THE TEMPLE OF THEIR GOD, DAGON - AND THEN STRANGE THINGS HAPPENED...

THE IMAGE OF DAGON IS SMASHED!

THE POWER OF THE HEBREW GOD HAS DONE THIS!



AND THE PEOPLE WERE AFFLICTED WITH ILLNESS...

NEVER WERE TIMES SO BAD! SO MANY PEOPLE SICK!

THIS PLAGUE HITS RICH AND POOR ALIKE!

THIS NEVER HAPPENED TILL WE CAPTURED THE ARK - I SAY, GIVE IT BACK!



THE PHILISTINES, HOPING TO STOP THE PLAGUE THAT KILLED OFF THEIR PEOPLE, SENT THE ARK BACK TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL - AND ISRAEL OBEYED SAMUEL, NOW A GREAT PROPHET, WHO SAID - "PUT AWAY YOUR STRANGE GODS AND SERVE THE LORD AND HE WILL DELIVER YOU FROM THE PHILISTINES"



YEARS PASSED...

THE PHILISTINES ARE BEATEN, AND I HAVE TRIED TO SERVE JUSTLY AS A PROPHET AND JUDGE!

SAMUEL IS GOOD, BUT HIS SONS ARE BAD LIKE ELI'S WERE!

WE'RE

TIRED OF BEING RULED BY PEOPLE LIKE THAT!

WE SHOULD HAVE A KING!



YOU ARE GOOD, SAMUEL, BUT YOUR SONS ARE NOT LIKE YOU!

HOLY MEN HAVE ALWAYS RULED US IN ISRAEL - NOW WE WANT A KING

GIVE US A KING, SAMUEL, LIKE OTHER NATIONS HAVE!





BUT SAMUEL DID NOT WANT THE PEOPLE TO HAVE A KING...

IF YOU INSIST ON A KING HE WILL TAKE YOUR SONS TO MAKE WAR FOR HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE SERVANTS OF YOUR DAUGHTERS - HE WILL TAKE YOUR VINEYARDS, YOUR SHEEP AND YOUR DONKEYS FOR HIMSELF DON'T HAVE A KING!

BUT WE WANT A KING, SAMUEL!

SO SAMUEL TALKED TO GOD OF ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED...

LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, SAMUEL, AND GIVE THEM A KING - I WILL LEAD YOU TO CHOOSE A GOOD MAN!

THAT WAS THE TIME WHEN THE YOUNG MAN SAUL CAME TO SAMUEL - SAUL WHO WAS THE SON OF KISH AND WHO CAME INTO SAMUEL'S COUNTRY, SEEKING TO FIND HIS FATHER'S DONKEYS WHICH HAD STRAYED AWAY...

EVEN NOW I KNOW THAT THE FUTURE KING OF ISRAEL IS COMING NEAR!

WE'VE COME SO FAR AND NO SIGN OF THE DONKEYS! - BUT THE GREAT PROPHET SAMUEL LIVES HERE!

LET'S ASK HIM TO HELP US, SAUL!

YES!

MY NAME IS SAUL - CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE TO FIND THE PROPHET SAMUEL?

I AM HE! - YOU ARE EXPECTED - GO UP TO MY HOUSE AND YOU SHALL STAY WITH ME!

THE NEXT MORNING, AFTER A GREAT FEAST...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE LOST DONKEYS - THEY HAVE BEEN FOUND, SAUL - BUT GREATER NEWS THAN THAT - YOU ARE TO BE A PROPHET AND THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL!

BUT I COME FROM A POOR AND HUMBLE FAMILY! - WHY THIS HONOR?

SAMUEL SUMMONED ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO BEHOLD THEIR NEW KING, SAUL...

THIS IS HE WHOM THE LORD HAS CHOSEN TO BE YOUR KING - AND THERE IS NONE LIKE HIM!

GOD SAVE THE KING!

GOD SAVE KING SAUL!



AS KING, SAUL FOUGHT MANY BATTLES AGAINST THE PHILISTINE AND TRIUMPHED!



ONCE, BEFORE A BATTLE, SAMUEL PROMISED TO COME AND OFFER UP A SACRIFICE SO THE ISRAELITE ARMIES WOULD WIN-BUT SAMUEL WAS LATE ...

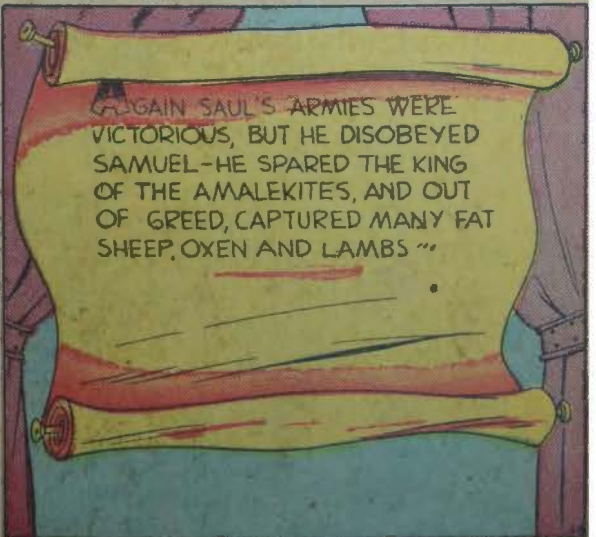


NEVERTHELESS, SAUL REMAINS KING AND WITH HIS SON JONATHAN, A STRONG WARRIOR, CONTINUES TO WIN VICTORIES AGAINST THE PHILISTINE ENEMY...



BUT THEN CAME THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE AMALEKITES ...

YOU REMEMBER THE TRIBE OF THE AMALEKITES AND HOW THEY TRIED TO DESTROY ISRAEL WHEN MOSES LED US OUT OF EGYPT?-NOW YOU MUST GO AND DESTROY EVERY PERSON IN THAT TRIBE FOR THAT CRIME AGAINST US!-TAKE NO PRISONERS AND DESTROY ALL THEIR GOODS!





**SAMUEL, ANGRY, REBUKES SAUL FOR HIS DISOBEDIENCE ~**

I DID DISOBEY, BUT IT WASN'T MY FAULT!

YOU HAVE REJECTED THE WORD OF GOD AND DISOBEYED HIM - TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE - GOD HAS REJECTED YOU AS KING OF ISRAEL!

**AND FROM THAT DAY SAMUEL NEVER LOOKED ON SAUL'S FACE AGAIN ~**

IF ONLY SAUL HADN'T FAILED AS KING!

**HOW LONG WILL YOU MOURN FOR HIM? NOW YOU MUST FIND A NEW KING FOR ISRAEL - GO TO BETHLEHEM AND I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT TO DO!**

**IN BETHLEHEM, SAMUEL SOUGHT OUT JESSE - FOR GOD HAD SAID THAT THE NEW KING OF ISRAEL WOULD BE ONE OF JESSE'S SONS -**

-AND THIS IS SHAMMAH, MY SEVENTH SON!

NO, I AM SURE HE IS NOT THE ONE NOR ANY OF THE OTHERS - HAVE YOU NO OTHER SON?

WHY YES, THERE'S DAVID! - HE'S TENDING THE SHEEP!

**THEY BROUGHT DAVID TO SAMUEL ~**

THIS IS MY YOUNGEST SON DAVID, SAMUEL!

THIS IS HE - LISTEN, DAVID I SHALL ANOINT YOU, AND ONE DAY YOU WILL BE KING OF ISRAEL!

YOU ARE ANOINTED, DAVID, AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL BE ON YOU - GO BACK AND TEND YOUR SHEEP - WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR YOU TO BECOME KING, YOU WILL BE TOLD WHAT TO DO!

YES, SAMUEL, BUT NOW I'LL GO BACK AND CARE FOR MY LAMBS - WHEN CALLED, I SHALL BE READY!

**SO SAMUEL WENT HOME TO REMAIN - HAPPIER THAN HE HAD BEEN IN YEARS -**

**AND AFTER MANY YEARS, DAVID, SON OF JESSE, FINALLY BECAME ONE OF THE GREATEST KINGS WHO EVER RULED OVER ISRAEL -**

**SAMUEL, WHO HAD FINISHED HIS EARTHLY WORK, DIED MEANWHILE, AND WAS MOURNED BY ALL HIS COUNTRYMEN AS A GREAT PROPHET AND LEADER ~**



# THE STORY OF SAUL

## THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL

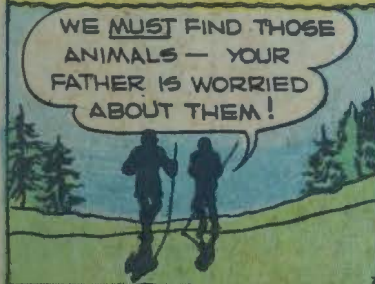
FROM FIRST SAMUEL, CHAPTERS 9-15,  
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SAUL, THE SON OF KISH, WAS A FINE YOUNG MAN, TALLER THAN ANY OF THE PEOPLE OF HIS TRIBE ~~~



WHEN SAUL'S FATHER MISSED SOME OF HIS DONKEYS, HE ASKED HIS SON TO FIND THEM— SO SAUL AND A SERVANT STARTED TO SEARCH EVERYWHERE THROUGH THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY ~~~



WE MUST FIND THOSE ANIMALS — YOUR FATHER IS WORRIED ABOUT THEM!

WE HAVE GONE PAST MOUNT EPHRAIM, SHALISHA AND GHALIM—I GROW WEARY—



OVER THERE IS ZUPH, WHERE THE GREAT PROPHET SAMUEL LIVES!

PERHAPS HE CAN HELP US!

TELL US, DOES THE GREAT SEER LIVE IN ZUPH?



MAKE HASTE TO THE HIGH PLACE, FOR SAMUEL HAS INVITED MANY PEOPLE TO THE FEAST THERE.

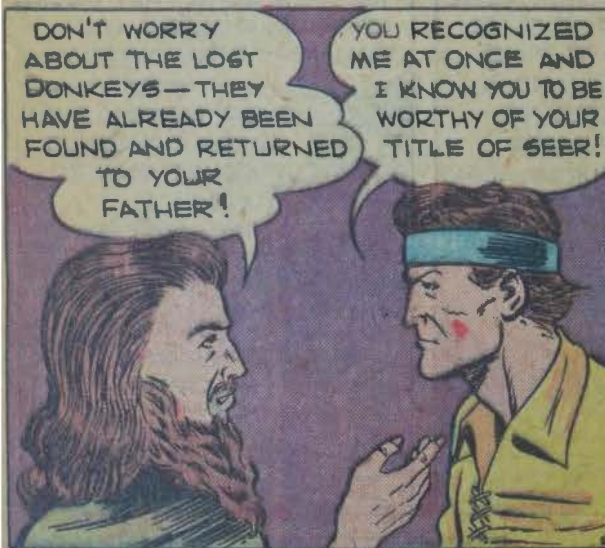
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HERE COMES SOMEONE WHO MAY KNOW WHERE SAMUEL IS — LET'S ASK HIM!



HAIL TO THEE!







AFTERWARD THE GUESTS  
DEPART ~~~

I BID YOU GOODNIGHT, FOR  
SAUL AND MYSELF WILL  
RETIRE TOGETHER TO THE  
ROOFTOP OF MY HOUSE!



A BEAUTIFUL  
NIGHT, SAMUEL!

ONE ONLY  
THE LORD  
COULD  
CREATE!



THE NEXT MORNING,  
SAMUEL, SAUL AND THE  
SERVANT WALKED TOGETHER  
INTO THE COUNTRY---

YOU GO ON AHEAD  
I WOULD CONVERSE  
WITH SAUL A LITTLE  
BEFORE WE PART!

WONDER  
WHAT  
HE  
WANTS  
TO  
SAY?



YOU, SAUL, ARE THE  
CHOSEN ONE!-ABIDE  
BY THE WORDS OF  
GOD, AND YOU SHALL  
WIN GREAT GLORY!



I ANOINT YOU, SAUL,  
TO BE CAPTAIN OF  
THE LORD- WE'LL  
MEET AGAIN IN MIZPEH!



LATER

COME, LET US  
OBEY SAMUEL  
AND GO TO  
MIZPEH!



SAMUEL WENT AHEAD TO MIZPEH AND WAS  
THERE WHEN SAUL AND HIS SERVANT ARRIVED---

LOOK AT THE PEOPLE  
HURRYING- THEY'RE  
GOING TO SEE SAMUEL,  
I THINK!

WE SHALL  
MEET THE  
SEER AGAIN  
VERY SHORTLY  
HERE!

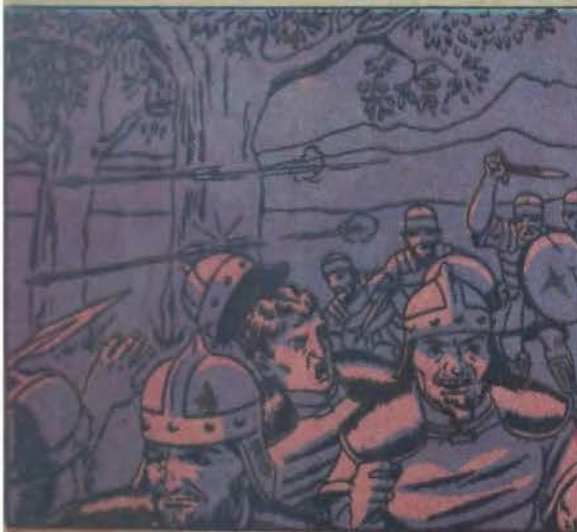




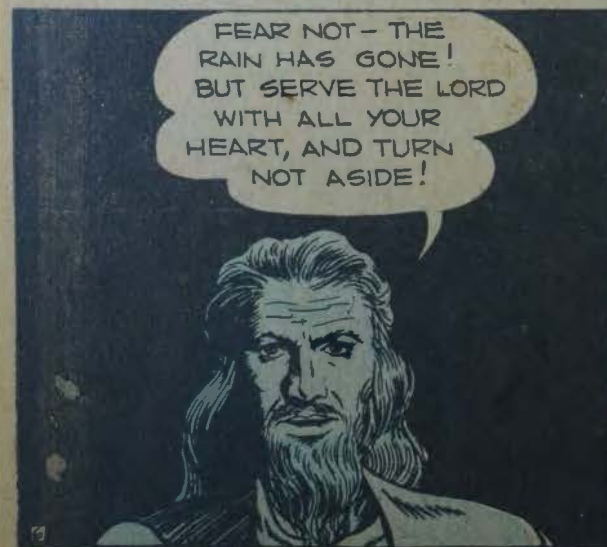


AND SO FROM HUNTING HIS FATHER'S DONKEYS, SAUL WAS LED BY SAMUEL TO BE PROCLAIMED AS THE FIRST KING OVER THE ISRAELITES! - THUS DO SMALL ACTS LEAD TO GREAT THINGS, AND SAUL'S STAR ROSE THAT DAY SO THAT HE BECAME FAMOUS THROUGH ALL THE NATION OF ISRAEL











THE YEARS PASS—THE WARS DRAG ON,  
BUT NOW SAUL HAS A SON, JONATHAN,  
TO HELP HIM—



WE ARE  
SO FEW,  
FATHER—  
ONLY 3000!

YES, JONATHAN,  
BUT GOD IS ON  
OUR SIDE!

FROM THE RANKS, SAUL'S SON  
JONATHAN AND AN ARMOR-BEARER GO  
FORTH UNKNOWN TO SAUL—



WE SHALL  
ENGAGE  
THE  
ENEMY  
NOW!

CAREFUL,  
JONATHAN!



I HAVE  
DOWNED  
TWENTY!

I HEAR THE  
OTHERS COMING  
TO OUR  
RESCUE!

SAUL'S ISRAELITES FINALLY CAME UP  
AND THE PHILISTINES WERE BEATEN  
FROM THE FIELD—



YOU ARE A  
HERO TODAY,  
JONATHAN!

A GREAT  
VICTORY  
THIS  
DAY!

SAUL, AS KING OF ISRAEL FOUGHT  
MANY ENEMIES, AMONG THEM THE  
MOABITES, THE AMMONITES, THE AMA-  
LEKITES AND AGAIN THE PHILISTINES



YOUR KINGDOM IS STRENGTHENED  
—I HAVE KILLED THE  
KING OF THE  
AMALEKITES.

AGAG—  
AND NOW,  
SAUL, WE  
SHALL  
PART!

SAUL SITS ON HIS THRONE—  
AND SPEAKS TO HIS SERVANT OF  
EARLIER DAYS—



WE HAVE COME A FAR DISTANCE,  
MAN!—MY FATHER FOUND HIS  
LOST BEASTS, AND I HAVE  
FOUND A KINGDOM!

ISRAEL IS  
PROUD OF  
YOU,  
KING  
SAUL!

END



# The Story of DAVID

## PART ONE

FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL,  
STARTING AT CHAPTER 16 IN THE  
KING JAMES AND J.P.S.A. VERSIONS--  
CALLED THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS  
IN THE DOUAY VERSION.



**KING SAUL OF ISRAEL WAS TROUBLED IN SPIRIT AND HIS SERVANTS SUGGESTED A REMEDY---**

WHAT IS THERE TO RELIEVE MY MIND?

A HARP PLAYER, SIRE!-WE SHALL SEEK ONE!



THERE IS THE SON OF JESSE THE BETHLEHEMITE, A GOOD AND HANDSOME YOUTH, WHO TENDS HIS FATHER'S SHEEP - WE GO TO CALL HIM TO PLAY FOR YOU--



**AND DAVID CAME TO SAUL AND STOOD BEFORE HIM---**

DOES MY MUSIC HELP YOU, SIRE?



I FEEL MUCH BETTER - I AM REFRESHED AGAIN!



**A MESSENGER ENTERS---**

THE PHILISTINES HAVE GATHERED ARMIES AT SHOCHOH TO WAR UPON ISRAEL!

THEN I GO TO PITCH OUR TENTS IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH!



**IN THE MEANTIME DAVID HAD RETURNED TO CARE FOR HIS FATHER'S SHEEP----**





THE PHILISTINES STOOD ON ONE MOUNTAIN SIDE, AS THE ISRAELITES CAME TO THE OPPOSITE MOUNTAIN SIDE, WITH A VALLEY BETWEEN ---

HO! - I AM GOLIATH OF GATH COME TO CHALLENGE YOU TO BATTLE!



I DEFY ISRAEL!  
CHOOSE ONE OF YOUR MEN TO FIGHT ME - IF HE WINS, WE SURRENDER - IF I WIN, YOU SURRENDER!



IN THE CAMP OF THE ISRAELITES ---

HE IS SO BIG AND STRONG!

WE HAVE NO ONE TO FIGHT SUCH A MAN!



DAVID'S THREE BROTHERS ARE IN SAUL'S ARMY - THEIR FATHER IS WORRIED ABOUT THEM -

GO TO YOUR BROTHERS AT THE BATTLE-FRONT - TAKE THIS BREAD, CHEESE AND DACHED CORN AND BRING ME NEWS!



AND DAVID ROSE UP EARLY IN THE MORNING AND TOOK FOOD AND WENT TO FIND HIS BROTHERS



AT CAMP DAVID RUNS TO HIS BROTHERS ---

HO! - OUR YOUNGEST BROTHER!  
- HOPE HE'S GOT SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT!





**BUT AT THAT MOMENT THEY ARE DISTURBED BY A SHOUT FROM THE VALLEY**

IS THERE NOT A MAN IN ISRAEL WHO CAN FIGHT? I DEFY ALL OF YOU!

SEE! IT IS GOLIATH—WHO CAN KILL HIM?

PERHAPS I MAY HELP YOU!

**DAVID WANTS TO FIGHT GOLIATH—KING SAUL HEARS OF THIS AND SENDS FOR DAVID**

YOU NO LONGER NEED FEAR, OH KING!—WITH GOD'S HELP I WILL FIGHT AND SLAY THIS PHILISTINE!

BUT YOU ARE SO YOUNG AND NOT A SOLDIER!

ONCE A LION AND A BEAR ATTACKED MY SHEEP, AND I KILLED THEM BOTH—I CAN SLAY THIS GIANT GOLIATH WHO DEFIES YOUR ARMIES!

I WILL GIVE YOU MY ARMOR AND MY SPEAR

THANKS, I DON'T WANT THEM—I WILL TAKE ONLY MY STAFF AND MY SLING SHOT!

**DAVID GOES FORWARD**

AM I A DOG THAT YOU COME AT ME WITH A STICK? BEWARE, FOR I SHALL GIVE YOUR FLESH TO THE FOWLS OF THE AIR!

**DAVID PICKS UP FIVE SMOOTH STONES FROM A BROOK**

YOU COME WITH A SPEAR, BUT I COME IN THE NAME OF THE LORD—I WILL SMITE YOU AND CUT OFF YOUR HEAD!



DAVID ATTACKS GOLIATH WITH STONE AND SLING



THE STONE HITS THE GIANT AND KNOCKS HIM DOWN



THEN DAVID RUNS UP TO GOLIATH, AND WITH GOLIATH'S OWN SWORD CUTS OFF HIS HEAD



HOW THE PHILISTINES RAN AWAY AFTER YOU KILLED GOLIATH!

WITH ONLY A SLINGSHOT, TOO!

I AM JONATHAN, SAUL'S SON. I'LL BE YOUR FRIEND FOR LIFE!



THEY SWORE TO BE LIKE BROTHERS FOR

TO PROVE MY FRIENDSHIP, I'LL GIVE YOU MY COAT, MY SWORD AND BOW!

YOUR FATHER, KING SAUL, HAS ASKED ME TO LIVE WITH YOU -



KING SAUL SPEAKS

DAVID IS A HERO! I APPOINT HIM TO BE THE HEAD OF ALL MY SOLDIERS!



AFTERWARD, THE ISRAELITES MARCHED HOME AND WERE DULY WELCOMED





THE WOMEN SING DAVID'S PRAISES ---

SAUL HAS SLAIN HIS THOUSANDS - BUT DAVID HIS TEN THOUSANDS!

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SAUL DOESN'T LIKE THIS ---

WHAT IS THIS?  
THEY PRAISE ME -  
BUT THEY PRAISE  
DAVID MORE - NEXT THING,  
HE'LL BE WANTING MY  
THRONE!



FROM THEN ON, KING SAUL EYED DAVID WITH SUSPICION. ONE DAY HIS JEALOUSY BURST BOUNDS, AND HE THREW A JAVELIN - BUT DAVID ESCAPED ---

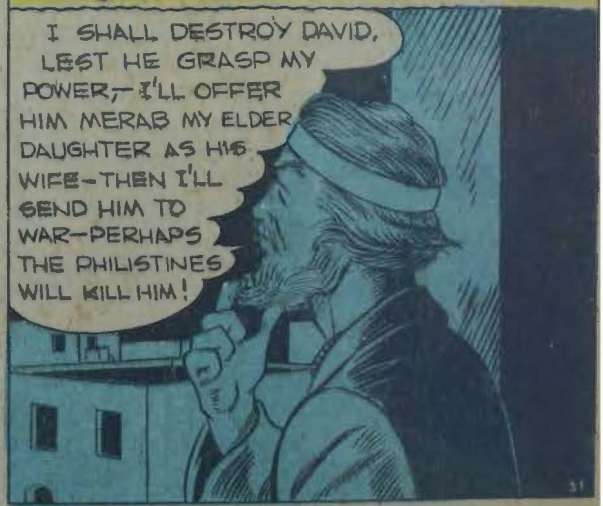


THOUGH IN DANGER, DAVID BEHAVED HIMSELF WISELY - AND THE LORD WAS WITH HIM ---



SAUL THINKS TO HIMSELF ---

I SHALL DESTROY DAVID,  
LEST HE GRASP MY  
POWER - I'LL OFFER  
HIM MERAB MY ELDER  
DAUGHTER AS HIS  
WIFE - THEN I'LL  
SEND HIM TO WAR - PERHAPS  
THE PHILISTINES  
WILL KILL HIM!



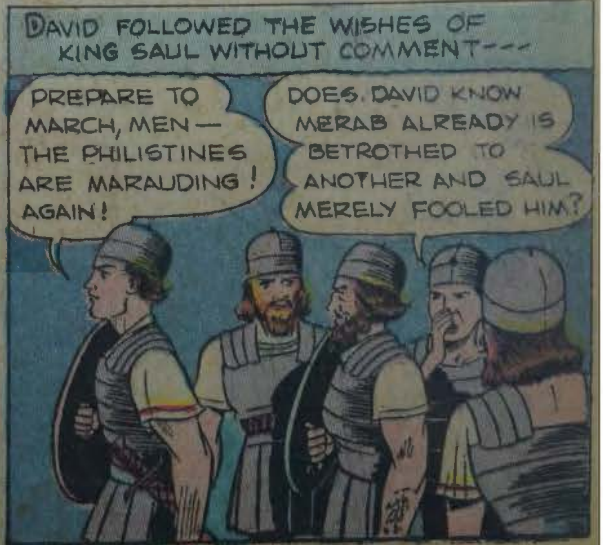
I NOW OFFER YOU MY  
ELDER DAUGHTER, MERAB,  
DAVID, TO BE YOUR WIFE,  
AND I COMMISSION YOU  
TO PROCEED  
AT ONCE TO  
COMBAT THE  
PHILISTINES!



DAVID FOLLOWED THE WISHES OF KING SAUL WITHOUT COMMENT ---

PREPARE TO  
MARCH, MEN -  
THE PHILISTINES  
ARE MARAUDING!  
AGAIN!

DOES DAVID KNOW  
MERAB ALREADY IS  
BETROTHED TO  
ANOTHER AND SAUL  
MERELY FOOLED HIM?





WHEN DAVID IS ABOUT TO LEAVE SAUL, A SERVANT SPEAKS TO THE KING —

YOU MUST OFFER YOUR YOUNGER DAUGHTER, O KING, FOR MICHAL WHO SAW DAVID WHEN HE CAME HOME FROM SLAYING GOLIATH HAS COME TO LOVE HIM!

BRING DAVID TO ME BEFORE HE LEAVES

MY YOUNGER DAUGHTER MICHAL LOVES YOU, DAVID — I WILL GIVE HER TO YOU AS YOUR WIFE IF YOU WILL SLAY ME A HUNDRED PHILISTINES!

I'LL DO IT!

AND DAVID SLEW 200 MEN SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AND RETURNED HOME —

LATER

NOW I KEEP MY PLEDGE — MICHAL WILL WED DAVID!

AND SOON THEREAFTER, DAVID TOOK MICHAL AS HIS WIFE —

SAUL CALLS FOR HIS SON JONATHAN —

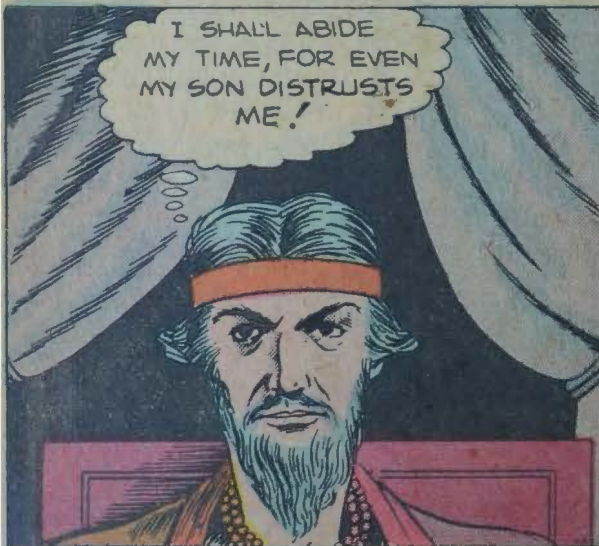
NOW I MAKE KNOWN TO YOU MY WISH, AND ESPECIALLY TO YOU, MY SON JONATHAN — DAVID MUST BE KILLED!



**BUT JONATHAN SEEKS DAVID ---**



**JONATHAN GOES BACK TO SAUL ---**





# The Story of

# DAVID

## PART TWO

FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL IN THE KING JAMES AND THE J.P.S.A. VERSIONS, CHAP. 19 AND FOLLOWING CHAPTERS. (CALLED THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS IN THE DOUAY VERSION.)

AND THERE WAS WAR AGAIN  
-AND DAVID WENT OUT AND  
FOUGHT WITH THE PHILISTINES,  
AND DEFEATED THEM WITH  
GREAT SLAUGHTER-AND THEY  
FLED FROM HIM---



BUT KING SAUL WAS STILL  
JEALOUS OF DAVID'S GREAT  
VICTORIES---

THREE TIMES HAVE I  
THROWN MY SPEAR AT  
DAVID-EACH TIME HE'S  
ESCAPED-BUT  
NEXT  
TIME!



DAVID GOES HOME TO HIS  
WIFE MICHAL, FEARING WHAT  
KING SAUL MAY DO NEXT---

HE THREW A SPEAR  
AT ME AGAIN, MICHAL!

I'LL HELP YOU TO  
ESCAPE BEFORE  
MORNING  
!



AT SAUL'S PALACE ---

SEND MESSENGERS  
AND SPIES TO  
SURROUND DAVID'S HOUSE!  
-IF HE TRIES TO ESCAPE,  
KILL HIM!



WE'LL HAVE TO  
WATCH ALL NIGHT  
SO DAVID WON'T  
ESCAPE US!



IN DAVID'S HOUSE ---

I'LL LET YOU DOWN FROM  
THIS WINDOW-THEN RUN  
AWAY QUICKLY-  
THEY ARE NOT  
WATCHING THIS  
SIDE OF THE  
HOUSE!  
PUT A  
PILLOW IN  
MY BED-  
THEY'LL THINK  
I'M STILL THERE  
!

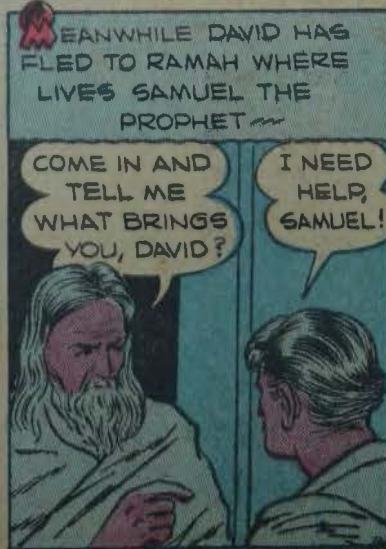




IN THE MORNING KING SAUL'S MESSENGERS  
COME TO SEIZE DAVID



A SECOND TIME KING SAUL SENT  
THE MESSENGERS TO TAKE DAVID





**S**SAUL'S SPIES LEARNED WHERE DAVID WAS, BUT WHEN THEY WERE SENT TO CAPTURE THE HERO, THEY SAW HIM WITH THE HOLY SAMUEL AND OTHER PROPHETS, AND WENT HOME — SAUL SENT NEW MESSENGERS AND SPIES, BUT THEY ALSO RETURNED EMPTY-HANDED! — SO SAUL, THE KING OF ISRAEL, HIMSELF CAME TO NAIOTH! BUT DAVID FLED FROM KING SAUL AND WENT TO SAUL'S SON, HIS FRIEND JONATHAN...

—AND JONATHAN, WHO LOVED DAVID AS HE LOVED HIS OWN SOUL, FOUND A WAY TO SAVE HIS FRIEND'S LIFE!

WHAT HAVE I DONE, JONATHAN? WHAT MAKES KING SAUL SEEK MY LIFE?

IS HE ANGRY AGAIN? — I DID NOT KNOW — I WILL HELP YOU!



**W**ALKING IN A FIELD BEFORE PARTING, THE TWO FRIENDS TALK...

HIDE IN THE PLACE WHERE YOU HID ONCE BEFORE — REMAIN THREE DAYS — I SHALL COME WITH A BOY, SHOOT ARROWS AT THE ROCK, AND SEND THE BOY AFTER THEM. IF I CALL TO HIM THAT THE ARROWS ARE BETWEEN HIM AND ME, YOU ARE SAFE! IF I TELL HIM THE ARROWS LIE BEYOND HIM, YOU MUST FLEE!



**T**HAT NIGHT, DAVID'S SEAT AT THE PALACE BANQUET TABLE WAS EMPTY — SAUL HOPES SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO HIM

HMM — JONATHAN ALONE — WITHOUT DAVID — GOOD!



**O**N THE SECOND NIGHT OF DAVID'S ABSENCE, SAUL'S SUSPICIONS GROW ---

JONATHAN, MY SON, WHERE IS DAVID?

HE ASKED LEAVE OF ME TO MEET HIS FAMILY IN BETHLEHEM!



DON'T YOU KNOW THAT AS LONG AS DAVID LIVES YOU WILL NEVER SUCCEED ME AS KING? — BRING HIM TO ME — HE MUST SURELY DIE!





JOHNATHAN SHOOTS ARROWS AND SENDS THE BOY AFTER THEM SO HE CAN CALL OUT THE SECRET MESSAGE TO DAVID ---

NOT THERE, BOY, LOOK BEYOND YOU-- **BEYOND!**



JOHNATHAN SENDS THE BOY AWAY AND BIDS DAVID FAREWELL AS THEY RENEW THEIR SINCERE PLEDGE OF FRIENDSHIP ---

I AM YOUR TRUE FRIEND, DAVID, EVEN THOUGH MY FATHER HATES ME BECAUSE OF YOU!



DAVID IS HUNGRY AND ALSO NEEDS A WEAPON-- HE GOES TO A PRIEST, AHIMELECH, WHO GIVES HIM BREAD AND THE SWORD WITH WHICH DAVID HIMSELF HAD KILLED GOLIATH, MANY YEARS BEFORE--

FAREWELL, AHIMELECH!

I GO ON SECRET BUSINESS WHICH IS URGENT!



UNKNOWN TO DAVID AND THE PRIEST ---

HA!--I, DOEG THE EDMITE, WILL REPORT WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD THIS DAY! -- SAUL WILL REWARD ME!



AFTER A WHILE, DAVID FLED TO THE CAVE OF ADULLAM-- MEN OF HIS FAMILY AND MEN WHO WERE OPPRESSED JOINED HIM ---

WE ARE 400 NOW, DAVID!

I HAVE SOME BUSINESS --THEN WE FLEE TO JUDAH, INTO THE FOREST OF HARETH AND MAKE A STAND!

YOU ARE OUR CAPTAIN, DAVID!



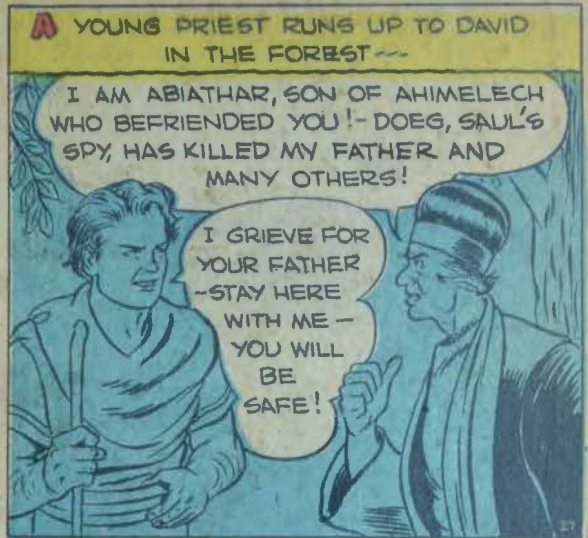
IN SAUL'S PALACE ---

WHAT IS THIS?--SPEAK UP, DOEG!

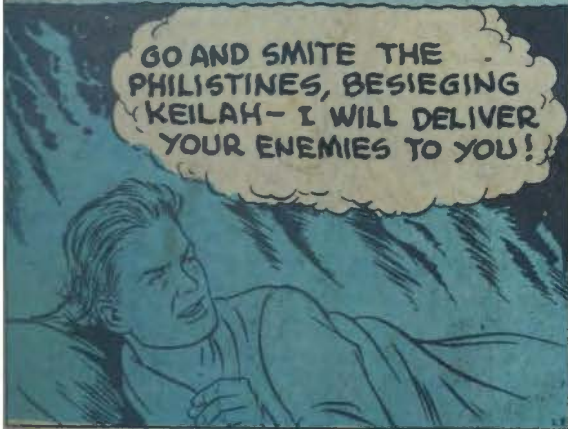
I SAW DAVID-- I TELL YOU THE PRIEST AHIMELECH HELPED HIM!



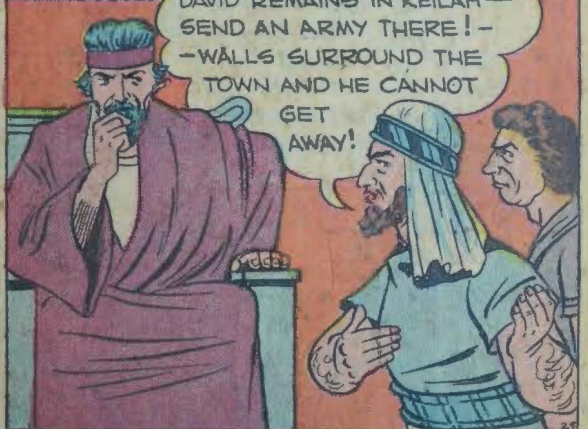




WHEN NEWS CAME OF A PHILISTINE ATTACK AGAIN, DAVID ASKED GOD IF HE WAS TO GO AND FIGHT THEM ---



WHEN KING SAUL LEARNED THAT DAVID HAD FOUGHT AND WON AND WAS IN KEILAH, HE ORDERED THE CITY BESIEGED ---



KING SAUL'S ARMY APPROACHES TO GET DAVID ~



**S** SAUL'S MEN SURROUND KEILAH - TOO LATE!





**N**OW DAVID WENT TO THE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS OF ZIPH, WHILE SAUL DAILY PURSUED AND SEARCHED FOR HIM THERE ---



**J**ONATHAN, KING SAUL'S SON, SECRETLY VISITS DAVID IN THE FOREST ---



THE HAND OF MY FATHER SHALL NEVER TOUCH YOU, DAVID, I PROMISE!

**T**HE MEN OF THE HILLS GO TO KING SAUL



WE CAN LEAD YOU TO THIS DAVID, SIRE!

HE'S AT THE HILL OF HACHILAH! -- THAT'S SOUTHWARD OF JESHIMON!

BUT DAVID, INFORMED OF THE TREACHERY, MOVED TO MAON IN THE WILDERNESS AND WAS NOT CAUGHT!



I CAN SEE SAUL'S MEN SEARCHING ON THAT OPPOSITE HILLSIDE!



**O**NE DAY WHILE SEARCHING FOR DAVID, SAUL BECAME WEARY AND LAY DOWN TO REST IN A CAVE ---

I SHALL SLEEP A LITTLE, THEN JOIN THE OTHERS!

**L**ATER-DAVID FINDS SAUL ASLEEP THERE-ALONE!



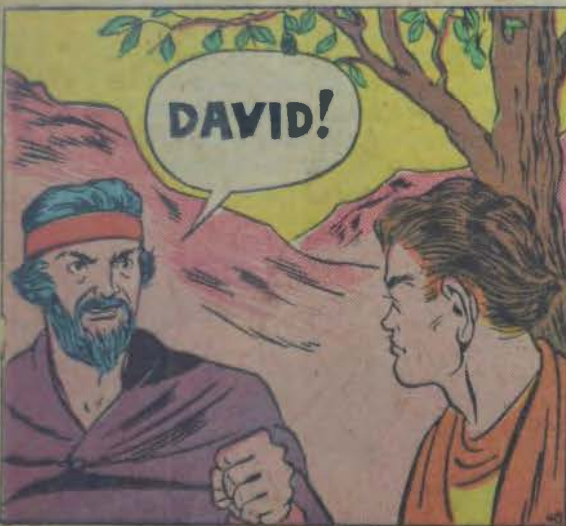
KING SAUL!- BUT I WILL NOT HURT HIM -I WILL ONLY CUT OFF A PIECE OF HIS ROBE AND GO!



LATER



AS SAUL LEAVES, DAVID RUNS TO HIM --





# THE STORY OF DAVID

## KING OF ISRAEL

### PART THREE

FROM FIRST AND SECOND BOOKS OF SAMUEL AND THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS IN THE KING JAMES AND J.P.S.A. VERSIONS. ALSO THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD BOOKS OF KINGS IN THE DOUAY BIBLE.

**T**HOUGH DAVID, THE HERO OF ISRAEL, HAS TWICE SPARED THE LIFE OF KING SAUL, THE KING IS NOT GRATEFUL - HE STILL WANTS TO DESTROY DAVID, THE NATIONAL HERO, OF WHOSE POWER HE IS AFRAID ---

THIS TIME DAVID SHALL NOT ESCAPE ME!



KING SAUL IS OPENLY FRIENDLY, BUT FOR HOW LONG? - SOME DAY I SHALL PERISH AT HIS HAND - IT IS BETTER TO FLEE TO THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES, SAUL'S ENEMIES - THERE I CAN TAKE REFUGE AND SAUL WILL NOT SEEK ME ANY MORE!



**S**O DAVID WITH SIX HUNDRED FOLLOWERS WENT INTO THE PHILISTINES' COUNTRY ---

BRING YOUR FAMILIES AND WE WILL MARCH TO KING ACHISH OF GATH IN THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES!



**K**ING ACHISH RECEIVES DAVID AND GIVES HIM A CITY FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FOLLOWERS ---

IF I HAVE FOUND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT, GIVE ME A PLACE WHERE I AND MY PEOPLE MAY DWELL!

I WILL GIVE YOU THE CITY OF ZIKLAG, DAVID!



THE PHILISTINES PREPARE TO MAKE WAR AGAINST THEIR OLD ENEMY KING SAUL OF ISRAEL - KING ACHISH WANTS DAVID TO FIGHT AGAINST KING SAUL AND DAVID'S OWN PEOPLE - HOWEVER, THE PRINCES OF THE PHILISTINES ARE AFRAID OF DAVID ---

DON'T LET DAVID GO TO BATTLE WITH US, O KING! - HOW DO WE KNOW HE WON'T TURN ON US?





AS DAVID RETURNED TO ZIKLAG, HE FOUND THE AMALEKITES HAD RAIDED IT IN HIS ABSENCE, AND CARRIED AWAY THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AS CAPTIVES. HE PURSUED AND KILLED THE AMALEKITES AND RESCUED THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.



MEANWHILE, A FURIOUS BATTLE WAS RAGING BETWEEN THE PHILISTINES AND KING SAUL'S ARMIES - SAUL WAS LOSING



THE BATTLE GOES AGAINST ME! JONATHAN AND MY OTHER TWO SONS ARE SLAIN AND I AM SORELY WOUNDED!

WHERE IS MY ARMOR-BEARER? COME, MAN - DRAW YOUR SWORD AND THRUST ME THROUGH, LEST THE PHILISTINES FIND ME WOUNDED AND TORTURE ME!



THE ARMOR-BEARER REFUSED TO KILL HIS KING



I WOULD NOT KILL MY KING! - HE HIMSELF HAS FALLEN ON HIS SWORD!

TO DAVID AT ZIKLAG CAME A MAN WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM THE BATTLE - HE TOLD OF THE DEATH OF SAUL AND JONATHAN



I GRIEVE FOR SAUL AND JONATHAN - HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN!

DAVID SPEAKS TO HIS MEN

THE LORD HAS DIRECTED ME TO GO TO HEBRON - I KNOW NOW, WITH SAUL DEAD, I SHALL BE MADE KING!



BUT THE ISRAELITES WERE DIVIDED, AND JUDAH WAS SEPARATED FROM ISRAEL, NOW RULED BY ISH-BOSHETH, A SON OF SAUL. DAVID RULED OVER JUDAH



I, ABNER, SWEAR TO BRING ISH-BOSHETH AND ALL ISRAEL TO YOUR RULE, DAVID!



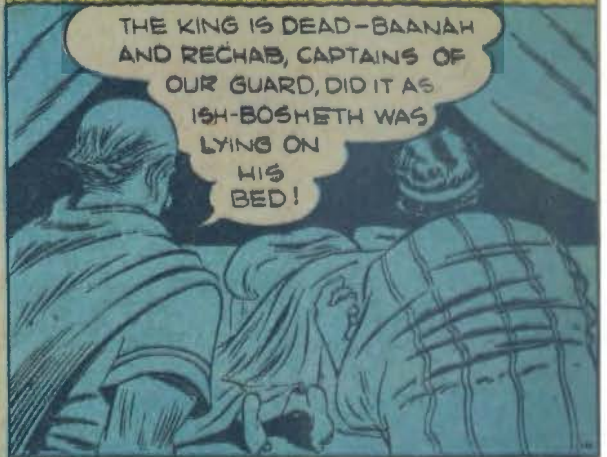
BUT ABNER IS MURDERED BY JOAB WHO MIS-TRUSTED HIM AND WISHES REVENGE ---

DIE FOR DECEIVING DAVID  
AND FOR KILLING MY  
BROTHER IN BATTLE!



AND A SHORT TIME AFTER THAT KING  
ISH-BOSHETH IS KILLED BY HIS OWN  
MEN AS HE SLEEPS ---

THE KING IS DEAD - BAANAH  
AND RECHAB, CAPTAINS OF  
OUR GUARD, DID IT AS  
ISH-BOSHETH WAS  
LYING ON  
HIS  
BED!



SO THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL CAME TO ANOINT  
DAVID OVER ISRAEL - THUS UNITED, THE  
ISRAELITE ARMIES, LED BY DAVID, TRIUMPHED  
OVER THE PHILISTINES ---

HAIL TO KING  
DAVID - HE LED US  
TO CONQUER THE  
PHILISTINES!

NOW WE  
ARE  
UNCONQUERABLE!



AND YEARS PASSED - DAVID WAS A GREAT  
KING AND HAD A SON ABSALOM, WHOM HE  
LOVED VERY MUCH ---

THE PEOPLE LOVE ME BETTER THAN KING  
DAVID, MY FATHER -  
WHY SHOULD I NOT  
BE KING? - I'LL SEND  
WORD TO THE TRIBES  
OF ISRAEL THAT  
WHEN THE TRUMPET  
SOUNDS, THEY  
WILL ALL CRY,  
ABSALOM  
REIGNETH  
AS KING  
IN HEBRON!



A MESSENGER COMES TO KING DAVID ---

ABSALOM, YOUR SON, HAS  
REBELLED AGAINST YOU AND  
SEIZED HEBRON! NOW HE  
MARCHES AGAINST YOU WITH  
A STRONG FORCE!



WE MUST LEAVE THE  
CITY OF JERUSALEM  
BEFORE ABSALOM  
OVERTAKES US! - OH,  
MUST I FIGHT AGAINST  
MY OWN SON!









AFTERWARDS THERE WERE THREE YEARS OF FAMINE — DAVID INQUIRES OF THE LORD THE REASON —

I HAVE SENT THE FAMINE BECAUSE OF THE EVIL DONE BY THE HOUSE OF SAUL — MAKE ATONEMENT!



THEN DAVID MADE ATONEMENT BY PUNISHING CERTAIN WICKED PEOPLE — HE REMEMBERED SAUL AND JONATHAN, BROUGHT THEIR BONES AND BURIED THEM IN THE SEPULCHRE OF SAUL'S FATHER —

NOW AT LAST I BRING PEACE TO SAUL'S HOUSE — PERHAPS THE FAMINE WILL CEASE!

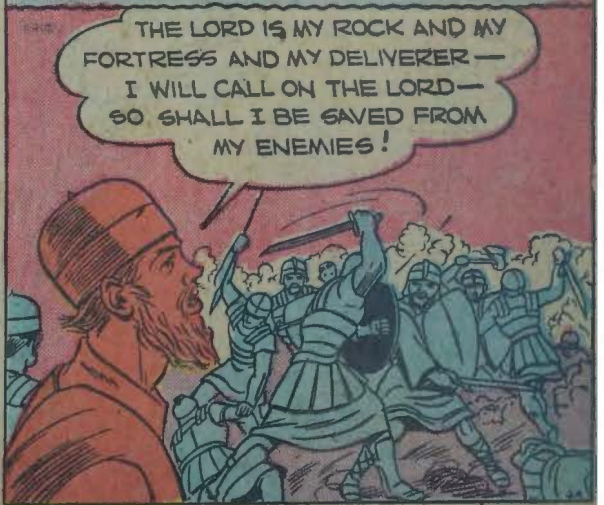


THE FAMINE DID CEASE, BUT THE PHILISTINES RAIDED AGAIN!



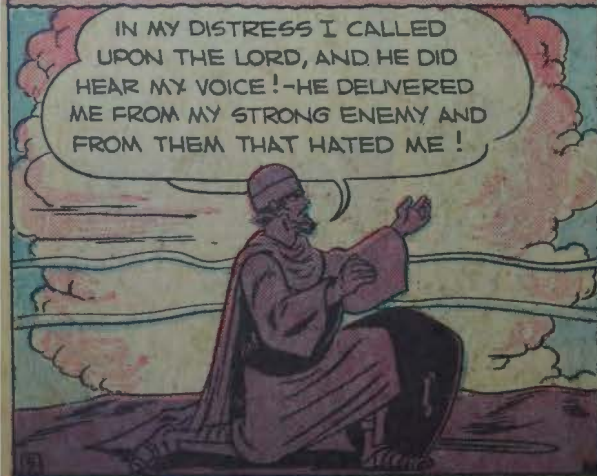
DAVID'S ARMIES ATTACKED THE PHILISTINES —

THE LORD IS MY ROCK AND MY FORTRESS AND MY DELIVERER — I WILL CALL ON THE LORD — SO SHALL I BE SAVED FROM MY ENEMIES!



DAVID PRAYED AND ISRAEL TRIUMPHED —

IN MY DISTRESS I CALLED UPON THE LORD, AND HE DID HEAR MY VOICE! — HE DELIVERED ME FROM MY STRONG ENEMY AND FROM THEM THAT HATED ME!



NO ONE CAN DEFEAT DAVID!

EVEN IN HIS OLD AGE, DAVID WINS OUR WARS!









NOW DAVID KNEW HIS END WAS NEAR, AND HE CALLED SOLOMON, HIS SON TO HIM ~~~

MY SON, SOLOMON, I GO THE WAY OF ALL THE EARTH - BE A STRONG KING AND SHOW YOURSELF A MAN - WALK IN THE WAYS OF THE LORD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS!

I WILL, FATHER, I WILL INCREASE GOD'S GLORY YEAR AFTER YEAR!



SO DAVID SLEPT WITH HIS FATHERS AND WAS BURIED IN THE CITY OF DAVID ~~~



OF ALL THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PSALMS IN THE BIBLE, THIS IS THE BEST KNOWN AND LOVED ~~~

## A PSALM OF DAVID

**THE LORD** IS MY SHEPHERD: I SHALL NOT WANT.

2. HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES: HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
3. HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.
4. YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL: FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME.
5. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES: THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNNETH OVER.
6. SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE; AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE **LORD** FOR EVER.

**S**OLOMON ASCENDS THE THRONE OF ISRAEL ~~~

I ASCEND A MIGHTY THRONE - BUT I WILL MAKE IT MIGHTIER! - IN REMEMBRANCE OF MY FATHER DAVID, ISRAEL SHALL BE GLORIOUS!



**K**ING SOLOMON MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF THE PHARAOH OR KING OF EGYPT AND SO TWO MIGHTY COUNTRIES WERE UNITED - AND THE PEOPLE KNEW SOLOMON FOR A WISE KING -

MY FATHER UNITED THE LAND - I WIDEN IT BY ALLIANCE!

DAVID WAS A GREAT KING, BUT KING SOLOMON SHALL SURPASS HIM!

HE HAS WISDOM BUT HE IS AS HUMBLE AS A CHILD!



END



# THE STORY OF SOLOMON

FROM THE BOOK OF FIRST KINGS IN THE KING JAMES AND J.P.S.A. VERSIONS - THE THIRD BOOK OF KINGS IN THE DOUAY VERSION

WHEN SOLOMON SUCCEEDED HIS FATHER DAVID, AS KING OF THE HEBREWS, HE WONDERED WHETHER HE HAD THE WISDOM TO CARRY ON DAVID'S WORK--

TO RULE MY PEOPLE WISELY--THAT'S WHAT I WANT MORE THAN LONG LIFE OR RICHES OR THE LIVES OF MY ENEMIES!

THE LORD APPEARED TO SOLOMON IN A DREAM, SAYING, "ASK WHAT SHALL I GIVE YOU!"

O LORD, GIVE ME AN UNDERSTANDING HEART TO JUDGE YOUR PEOPLE!

I WILL GIVE YOU A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING HEART--OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS AND YOU SHALL HAVE RICHES, GLORY AND LONG LIFE!

KING SOLOMON AWAKES AND BELIEVES THAT GOD SPOKE TO HIM IN A DREAM--

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I KNOW NOW THAT I SHALL BE GIVEN WISDOM!

KING SOLOMON IS PUT TO THE TEST OF JUDGING WISELY--

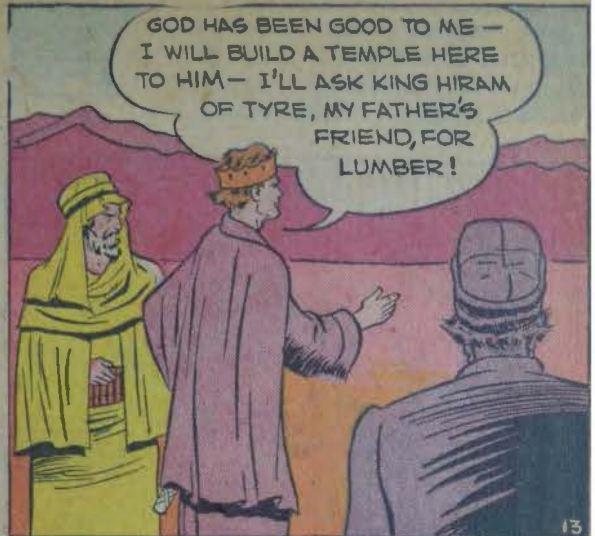
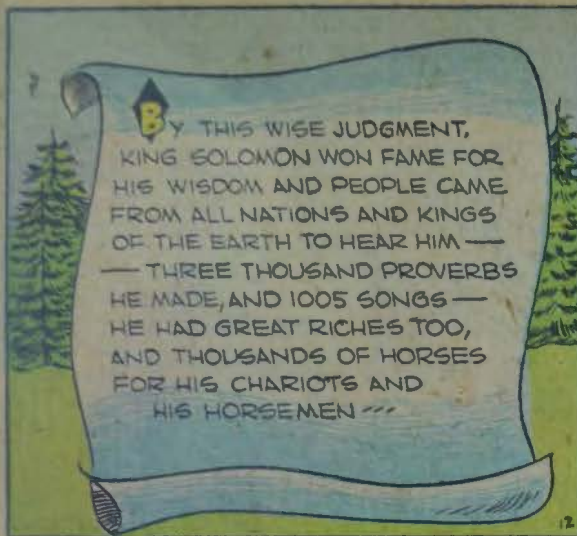
HERE ARE THE TWO WOMEN WHO WISH YOUR COUNSEL, SIRE!

WE LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE, SIRE, AND WE EACH HAD A CHILD--BUT THIS WOMAN'S CHILD DIED, AND WHEN I SLEPT SHE PUT HER DEAD CHILD BESIDE ME, AND TOOK MINE FOR HERSELF--BUT I KNOW THE LIVING BOY IS MINE, THOUGH SHE CLAIMS IT!









**H**IRAM OF TYRE ANSWERS SOLOMON WITH ACTION! — SOON LUMBER GOES BY SEA TO KING SOLOMON ON FLOATS —



**F**ROM ALL OVER ISRAEL, MEN CAME TO WORK ON THE TEMPLE —





AND SOLOMON COMMANDED THAT THEY SHOULD BRING GREAT AND COSTLY STONES AND HEW THEM READY TO LAY FOR THE FOUNDATION OF THE TEMPLE ---



FOR FOUR YEARS MEN WORKED GATHERING MATERIAL FOR THE TEMPLE AND LAYING THE FOUNDATION ---



AFTER SEVEN LONG YEARS, THE LAST STONES WERE PUT INTO PLACE, AND THEN SOLOMON HELD A TWO WEEK CELEBRATION TO DEDICATE IT ---



NEAR THE COURT OF THE TEMPLE, SOLOMON BUILT A HOUSE FOR HIMSELF AND ONE FOR HIS WIFE ---



SO SOLOMON BUILT NEW CITIES, SUCH AS GEZER, BAALATH, TADMOR AND OTHERS ---





AND THEN KING SOLOMON BUILT A MIGHTY FLEET OF SHIPS, WITH A GREAT PORT AT EZION-GEBER ON THE RED SEA SHORE IN THE LAND OF EDOM ---



AT THE END OF TWENTY YEARS, SOLOMON AND HIRAM RENEWED THEIR ALLIANCE ---



THE QUEEN OF SHEBA, DOUBTING THE STORIES OF SOLOMON'S WISDOM, COMES TO TRY HIM WITH HARD QUESTIONS ---



ALL OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA'S QUESTIONS WERE SO WELL ANSWERED BY SOLOMON THAT SHE DEPARTED SATISFIED ---



SOON SOLOMON, IN ALL HIS GLORY, HAD BUILT A THRONE OF IVORY OVERLAID WITH GOLD ---





BUT THE TIME CAME WHEN SOLOMON FOR-  
GOT HIS PROMISE TO THE LORD, AND TURNED  
TO WORSHIP STRANGE GODS

YOU HAVE DISOBEYED ME!  
I WILL DIVIDE YOUR  
KINGDOM!



AND SO, AS SOLOMON TURNED AWAY FROM  
GOD, TROUBLES BEGAN TO CROP UP- FIRST  
A REBELLION STARTED UNDER HADAD, THE  
EDOMITE.



THE KING OF  
EGYPT FAVORS ME!  
WE REVOLT AND  
RAID ISRAEL!

AND AS SOLOMON CONTINUED TO TAX HIS PEOPLE HEAVILY-MORE REBELLIONS FLARED UP..

ALSO REZON,  
AN EXILE,  
GATHERED  
BANDS TO  
RAID ISRAEL  
FROM DAMASCUS  
WHERE HE  
CAME TO  
RULE



EVEN JEROBOAM, A SERVANT OF SOLOMON,  
WAS PERSUADED TO RISE AGAINST THE KING

BUT SOLOMON HAS  
MADE ME A  
GOVERNOR. WHY  
SHOULD I REBEL,  
AHIJAH?

BECAUSE SOLOMON HAS  
TURNED TO STRANGE  
GODS, THE KINGDOM WILL  
BE DIVIDED, AND YOU WILL  
ONE DAY BE KING OVER  
ISRAEL.



CAN THIS BE TRUE?  
WILL SOLOMON'S  
GLORY DESCEND  
TO ME?







BUT FINALLY SOLOMON DIED, AND HIS SON REHOBOAM BECAME KING. RETURNED FROM EGYPT, JEROBOAM LEADS THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL BEFORE REHOBOAM TO ASK FOR GREATER LENIENCY-



THREE DAYS LATER-DISREGARDING HIS WISE COUNSELLORS, REHOBOAM REFUSES THE PEOPLE'S PLEAS--



SO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL REVOLTED FROM REHOBOAM- THEY MADE JEROBOAM KING OVER ALL THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL BUT ONE - THAT WAS JUDAH -



SO THE GREAT KINGDOM OF ISRAEL WAS DIVIDED, BE- CAUSE KING SOLOMON DISOBEYED THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD AND WORSHIPPED STRANGE GODS.

**END**



# The Story of ELIJAH\*

FROM THE FIRST BOOK  
OF KINGS IN THE  
JAMES AND J.R.S.A.  
VERSIONS—THIRD KINGS  
IN DOUAY VERSION  
CHAPTERS 16 THROUGH 22



\*SPELLED ELIAS IN THE DOUAY VERSION

**A**HAB, SEVENTH KING OF ISRAEL, TOOK AS A WIFE NOT ONE OF HIS OWN PEOPLE, BUT JEZEBEL, DAUGHTER OF THE KING OF TYRE ---

WHY COULDN'T HE MARRY AN ISRAELITE?

THEY SAY SHE WORSHIPS BAAL INSTEAD OF THE TRUE GOD!

**J**EZEBEL SOON BEGAN TO URGE HER HUSBAND TO WORSHIP THE SUN GOD ---

YOU DON'T LOVE ME AHAB, OR YOU'D DO WHAT I ASK!

WELL, THEN, I WILL! I'LL BUILD A TEMPLE TO BAAL IN YOUR HONOR!

**T**HOSE WHO WORSHIPPED THE TRUE GOD WERE PUNISHED ---

YOU WILL WORSHIP BAAL, NOT YOUR JEHOVAH — OR MORE WHIPPING!

WICKED QUEEN! WHIPS CAN'T CHANGE MEN'S MINDS!

**E**LIJAH, A MAN OF GOD, PROTESTED THESE EVILS TO THE KING ---

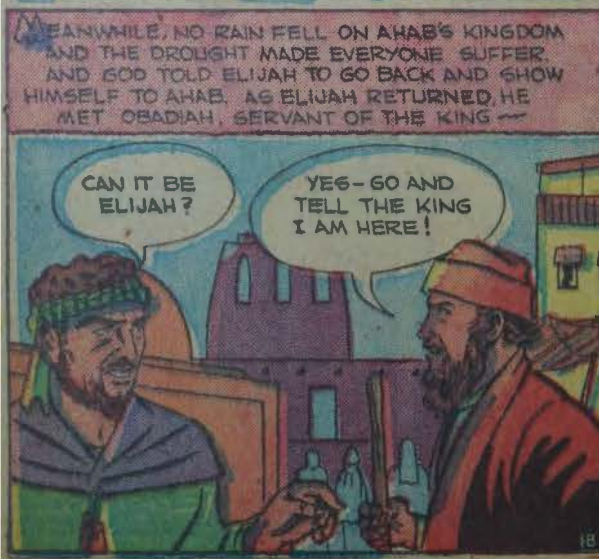
ELIJAH—WHAT IS IT? YOU'RE ANGRY!

YOU'RE BREAKING ISRAEL'S LAWS! YOU LET JEZEBEL BRING IN FALSE GODS—BUT JEHOVAH WILL DESTROY THEM!











SO KING AHAB GOES TO MEET ELIJAH



**E**LIJAH PROPOSED A TEST TO PROVE THAT BAAL WAS A FALSE GOD. HE ASKED THAT PRIESTS OF BAAL BE SUMMONED TO MOUNT CARMEL TO OFFER UP A BULLOCK TO BAAL ON ONE ALTAR, WHILE HE WOULD OFFER UP A BULLOCK ON THE ALTAR OF THE LORD

WE'LL DO THAT- THEN THE GOD WHO ANSWERS US BY FIRE IS THE TRUE GOD!

IF ELIJAH'S GOD DOES THAT, THEN I'LL BELIEVE!

A TEST OF BAAL'S POWER!



AND ELIJAH SPOKE TO ALL THE PEOPLE



ON THE APPOINTED DAY, THE SACRIFICES WERE PLACED ON THE TWO ALTARS. FIRST THE 850 PRIESTS OF BAAL CALLED ON THEIR GOD



SO THEY CALLED UPON BAAL ALL DAY, BUT THERE WAS NO ANSWER



AND AT EVENING



FIRST ELIJAH COMMANDED THAT FOUR JARS OF WATER BE POIRED ON THE OFFERING- ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES AND FOUR TIMES, TILL IT WAS DRENCHED





ELIJAH PRAYS  
TO THE LORD...

O LORD, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM,  
OF ISAAC AND OF ISRAEL, LET  
IT BE KNOWN THIS DAY THAT  
YOU ARE GOD IN ISRAEL, AND  
THAT I AM YOUR  
SERVANT AND  
THAT I HAVE  
DONE ALL  
THESE THINGS  
ACCORDING  
TO YOUR  
WORD—HEAR  
ME, O LORD,  
HEAR ME,  
THAT THIS  
PEOPLE MAY  
KNOW THAT  
YOU, LORD,  
ART GOD!



AND AS ELIJAH PRAYED ---

THE  
LORD  
IS GOD!

ELIJAH'S  
GOD HAS  
SPOKEN—HE  
IS THE TRUE  
GOD!

LET US  
KILL  
THOSE  
LYING PRIESTS  
OF BAAL!



WHEN THE MEN SAW THAT BAAL WAS A FALSE  
GOD THEY DESTROYED THE FALSE  
PRIESTS AND THE DROUGHT WAS LIFTED ---

SOON GOD  
WILL SEND  
RAIN, AHAB!

LOOK! THERE'S A  
BLACK CLOUD ON THE  
HORIZON!

PRaise  
THE GOD  
OF  
ISRAEL!

NOW OUR  
CATTLE WILL  
NOT DIE!



JEZEBEL WAS VERY ANGRY AT ELIJAH FOR  
PROVING HER GOD TO BE FALSE AND  
FOR KILLING HER PRIESTS ---

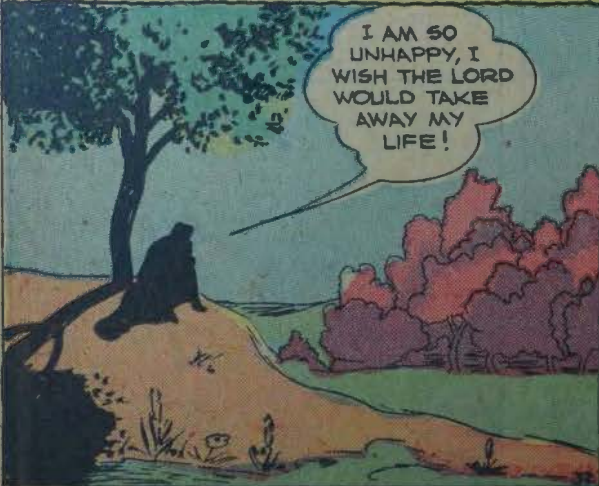
TELL ELIJAH HE'D  
BETTER GET OUT OF  
HERE, OR IT WILL NOT  
BE SAFE FOR HIM!

THE  
QUEEN  
WILL DO  
HIM HARM!



AT HER THREATS, ELIJAH AGAIN FLED FOR HIS  
LIFE, AND HID IN THE WILDERNESS ---

I AM SO  
UNHAPPY, I  
WISH THE LORD  
WOULD TAKE  
AWAY MY  
LIFE!



ELIJAH HAD NO FOOD WITH HIM, AND THAT  
NIGHT HE WENT TO SLEEP HUNGRY —  
BUT AS HE SLEPT —

AWAKE,  
ELIJAH,  
AND  
EAT!





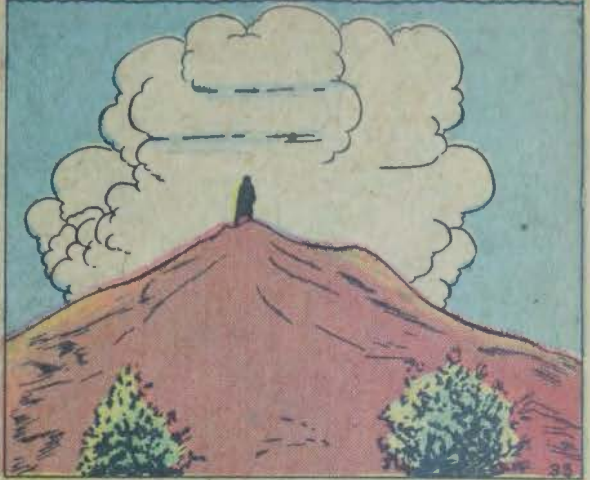
SO MUCH STRENGTH DID THIS HEAVENLY FOOD GIVE ELIJAH THAT HE WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS TO MOUNT HOREB, WHERE THE VOICE OF GOD SPOKE TO HIM ---

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ELIJAH?

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SEEK MY LIFE BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN JEALOUS FOR THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS!



AND THE VOICE SPOKE AGAIN, AND COMMANDED ELIJAH TO GO TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP ---

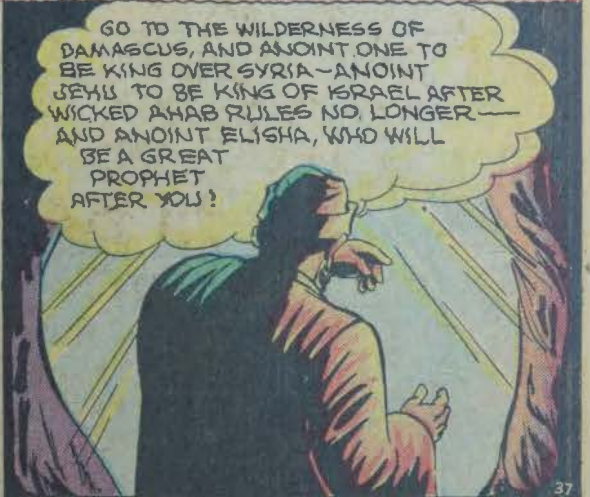


THEN THE LORD PASSED BY AND A STRONG WIND BLEW THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS AND AN EARTHQUAKE BROKE THE ROCKS INTO PIECES - BUT THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE WIND, AND THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE EARTHQUAKE. AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE CAME A FIRE, BUT THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE FIRE EITHER. AND AFTER THE FIRE, THERE CAME A STILL SMALL VOICE ---



AND THE VOICE SPOKE TO ELIJAH ---

GO TO THE WILDERNESS OF DAMASCUS, AND ANOINT ONE TO BE KING OVER SYRIA - ANOINT JEHU TO BE KING OF ISRAEL AFTER WICKED AHAH RULES NO LONGER - AND ANOINT ELISHA, WHO WILL BE A GREAT PROPHET AFTER YOU!



ELIJAH FINDS THE YOUNG FARMER, ELISHA, WHO IS TO CARRY ON HIS WORK ---

THIS IS THE MAN!



ELIJAH CAST HIS MANTLE ON ELISHA - A SYMBOL THAT ELISHA WAS TO SUCCEED HIM ---

YOU ARE TO FOLLOW ME AND DO MY WORK AFTER I AM GONE!

I'LL SERVE YOU, MASTER. JUST LET ME SAY GOODBYE TO MY FAMILY - I WILL COME AT ONCE!





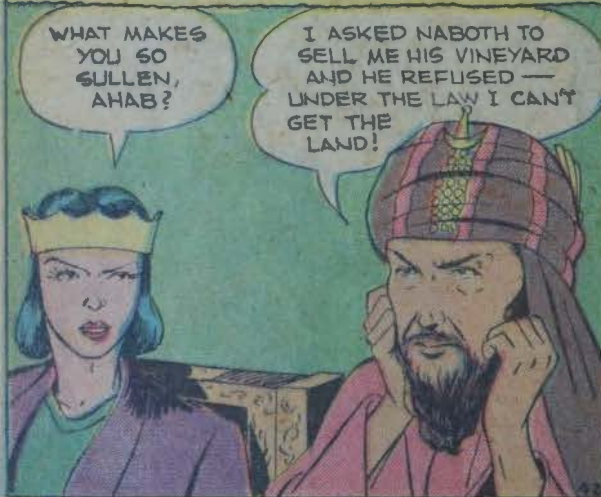
3 STILL ISRAEL TOILED UNDER THE TYRANNY OF JEZEBEL, A STRONG QUEEN WITH A WEAK HUSBAND ---



YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE THEM WHIPPED SO, JEZEBEL!.

WHAT KIND OF KING ARE YOU? IN MY COUNTRY WE WHIP DISOBEDIENT SLAVES!

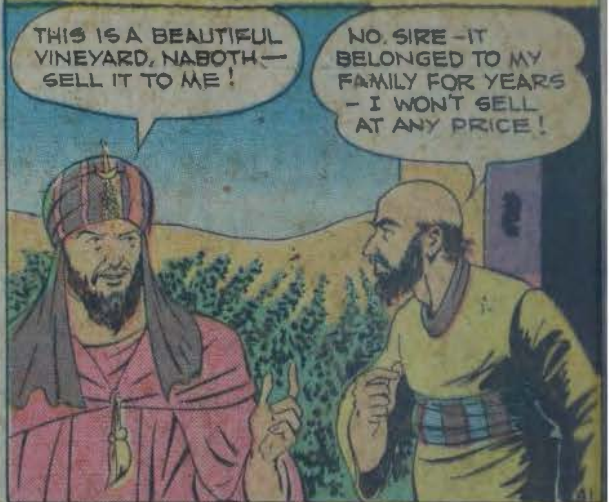
AHAB RETURNED HOME ANGRY AND WOULDN'T EAT ANY DINNER ---



WHAT MAKES YOU SO SULLEN, AHAB?

I ASKED NABOTH TO SELL ME HIS VINEYARD AND HE REFUSED — UNDER THE LAW I CAN'T GET THE LAND!

ONE DAY KING AHAB WENT TO SEE FARMER NABOTH ---



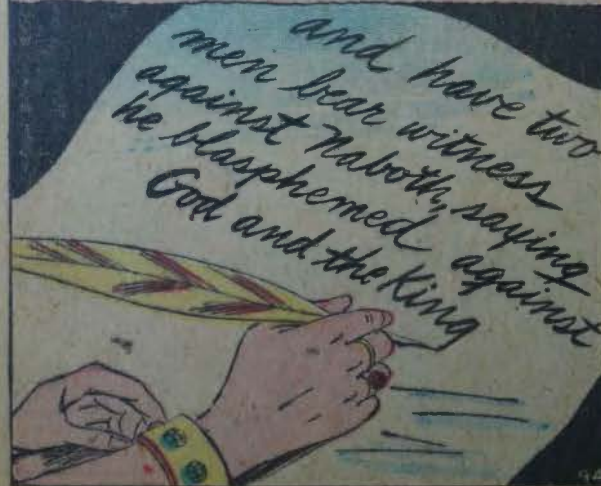
THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL VINEYARD, NABOTH — SELL IT TO ME!

NO, SIRE — IT BELONGED TO MY FAMILY FOR YEARS — I WON'T SELL AT ANY PRICE!

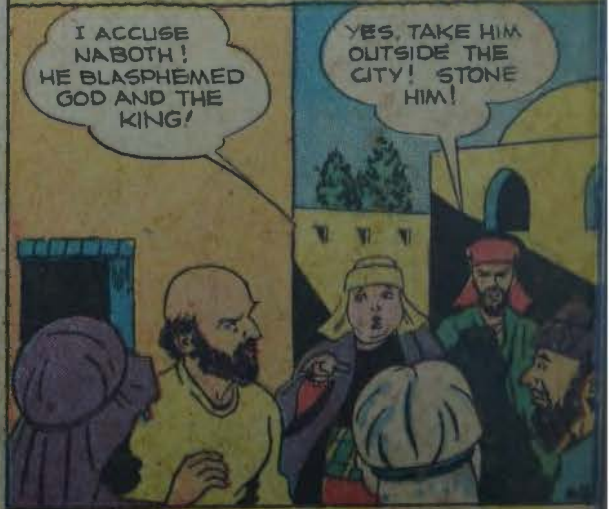


AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A KING! COME ON, NOW, GET UP AND EAT YOUR DINNER — I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET THE VINEYARD!

WICKED JEZEBEL MAKES A PLOT AGAINST NABOTH ---



THE TWO MEN ACCUSE NABOTH IN PUBLIC ---



I ACCUSE NABOTH! HE BLASPHEMED GOD AND THE KING!

YES, TAKE HIM OUTSIDE THE CITY! STONE HIM!







# The Story of ELISHA

FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS  
(CHAPTERS 2-9) IN THE KING JAMES AND  
J.P.S.A. VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE;  
FROM THE FOURTH BOOK OF KINGS  
IN THE DOUAY VERSION.



WHIPPED ELIJAH IN THE DOUAY VERSION

WHEN ELIJAH'S EARTHLY WORK WAS DONE AND HE KNEW THAT GOD WAS ABOUT TO TAKE HIM UP TO HEAVEN, HE SET OUT FROM GILGAL WITH YOUNG ELISHA, WHO WAS TO TAKE OVER HIS WORK ---

GOD HAS COMMANDED ME TO GO TO THE RIVER JORDAN, ELISHA - BUT YOU DO NOT NEED TO COME!

AS THE LORD LIVES, MASTER, I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU!



WHEN THEY CAME TO THE RIVER JORDAN ELIJAH TOOK HIS MANTLE, ROLLED IT TOGETHER AND STRUCK THE WATERS. A MIRACLE HAPPENED - THE RIVER PARTED, AND THE TWO HOLY MEN PASSED OVER ON DRY GROUND ---



ELIJAH, BEFORE HE WAS TAKEN AWAY, OFFERED TO DO ONE LAST THING FOR ELISHA ---

I ONLY ASK YOU, ELIJAH, TO GIVE ME A DOUBLE PORTION OF YOUR SPIRIT!

YOU HAVE ASKED A HARD THING - NEVERTHELESS, IF YOU'RE ABLE TO SEE ME WHEN I AM TAKEN INTO HEAVEN, YOU SHALL BE GRANTED YOUR WISH!



A CHARIOT OF FIRE CAME IN A WHIRLWIND AND CARRIED ELIJAH AWAY. HE THREW HIS MANTLE TO ELISHA ---

MY FATHER, MY FATHER, I BEHOLD THE CHARIOT OF ISRAEL! MY PRAYER IS GRANTED! YOUR SPIRIT, ELIJAH, WILL NOW BE UPON ME!



ELISHA WITH ELIJAH'S MANTLE WENT TO JERICO ---

THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH RESTS ON ELISHA!

HE HAS THE POWER TO WORK MIRACLES!





THE CITY OF JERICHO GOT ITS WATER FROM A SPRING WHICH WAS BITTER, AND WHICH MADE THE GROUND BARREN ---













**A**ND THE PEOPLE WERE FED! ELISHA HAD NEUTRALIZED THE POISON IN THE HERBS SO THAT THERE WAS NOT HARM BUT NOURISHMENT IN THEM!

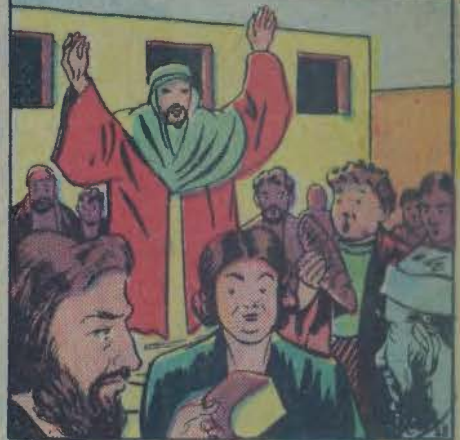
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**L**ATER IN THE FAMINE A MAN CAME BRINGING TWENTY LOAVES OF BREAD FROM ANOTHER TOWN AS A GIFT TO ELISHA

GIVE IT TO THEM! FOR GOD HAS SAID, "THEY SHALL EAT AND THERE SHALL BE FOOD LEFT!"

WITH THIS LITTLE BIT OF FOOD, HOW AM I TO FEED A WHOLE CITY, ELISHA? BUT I OBEY!

**A**ND SO IT PROVED—FOR BY A MIRACLE, THE SMALL BASKET OF BREAD WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THE HUNGRY PEOPLE OF GILGAL



**N**OW IN SYRIA LIVED A GREAT GENERAL, NAAMAN—A POWERFUL WARRIOR, BUT HE WAS AFFLICTED WITH LEPROSY

I'M IN DESPAIR! I CAN CONQUER ARMIES, BUT NOT THIS DISEASE OF LEPROSY!

IN MY HOME IN ISRAEL THERE IS A GREAT PROPHET, ELISHA... I KNOW HE CAN HEAL NAAMAN!

**S**O NAAMAN WENT TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL TO SEE ELISHA

ELISHA SAYS IF YOU WILL DIP SEVEN TIMES IN THE RIVER JORDAN, YOU SHALL BE HEALED!

WHAT KIND OF PROPHET IS THIS? I CAN WASH IN BETTER RIVERS IN DAMASCUS, MY HOME-LAND!



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BUT, GENERAL, TRY IT AT LEAST!

IF HE HAD TOLD YOU TO DO SOMETHING HARD, YOU'D HAVE DONE IT!

WHY NOT DO THIS EASY THING?

**L**ATER...

FIVE TIMES I HAVE DIPPED AND I'M NOT HEALED!

ONLY TWICE MORE, NAAMAN!



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AND WHEN HE HAD BATHED SEVEN TIMES AS ELISHA HAD SAID, NAAMAN WAS HEALED

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NOW I KNOW THERE IS NO GOD BUT THE GOD OF ISRAEL... LET ME MAKE A GIFT TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION!

I WANT NOTHING FOR MYSELF... I WAS ONLY USING GOD'S POWER TO HEAL YOU!

BUT GEHAZI, THE SERVANT OF ELISHA, THOUGHT THAT SOME REWARD SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM NAAMAN FOR HIS HEALING...

ELISHA LET NAAMAN OFF WITHOUT PAYING - WHY SHOULDN'T I GO AFTER HIM AND GET SOMETHING FOR MYSELF?

GEHAZI CHASES AFTER NAAMAN'S PARTY...

WHAT IS IT, GEHAZI? WHY DO YOU COME AFTER ME?

ELISHA CHANGED HIS MIND - HE TOLD ME TO ASK YOU FOR SILVER AND GARMENTS!

GEHAZI GOES HOME HIS MEN CARRYING THE GIFTS.

NAAMAN GAVE ME RICH PRESENTS! BUT I WON'T TELL ELISHA... WASN'T HE A FOOL! HE COULD HAVE HAD ALL THIS!

AT HOME AGAIN, GEHAZI HIDES THE GIFTS WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO ELISHA - BUT, BEING A PROPHET, ELISHA KNOWS!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, GEHAZI?

I-I-OH, I HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE, ELISHA!

I WONDER HOW HE KNOWS?

DID YOU THINK I WOULD NOT KNOW, GEHAZI? IS THIS A TIME TO BE THINKING OF YOURSELF, OF GETTING MONEY AND OF EARTHLY THINGS? I HEALED NAAMAN THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD, AND YOU WANT TO PROFIT SELFISHLY BY IT!



AND IN PUNISHMENT, ELISHA TOLD GEHAZI THAT HE WOULD BE AFFLICTED WITH THE LEPROSY OF WHICH NAAMAN HAD JUST BEEN CURED!

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MEANWHILE, ELISHA HAD BEEN LAYING PLANS TO CRUSH WICKED JEZEBEL THROUGH PRINCE JEHU, A FINE AND NOBLE YOUNG PRINCE OF A NEIGHBORING TRIBE OF ISRAEL ---

GO TAKE THIS BOX, AND FIND PRINCE JEHU--ANOINT HIS HEAD WITH THIS OIL AND SAY, "GOD HAS APPOINTED YOU TO BE KING OF ISRAEL--YOUR MISSION--TO CRUSH JEZEBEL!"

I WILL DO AS YOU SAY, ELISHA!

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ELISHA'S MESSENGER PROCLAIMED JEHU KING ---

AND I AM SENT TO ANOINT YOU KING OF ISRAEL--YOU SHALL DESTROY JEZEBEL!

I WILL GATHER ARMIES AND MARCH AGAINST HER AT ONCE!

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MESSENGERS BROUGHT WORD TO JEZEBEL IN HER PALACE THAT A HOST WAS APPROACHING ---

JEHU IS COMING WITH ARMIES! HE RIDES FURIOUSLY IN HIS CHARIOT OF WAR!

I AM NOT AFRAID OF JEHU!

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VENGEANCE, JEZEBEL! YOUR TIME HAS COME! WHAT MEN ARE ON MY SIDE?

WE ARE WITH YOU, JEHU!

SHE HAS ABUSED US--WE'LL TURN HER OVER TO YOU!

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LATER...

NOW JEZEBEL IS DEAD! SHE WILL DO NO MORE EVIL!

MY MISSION IS DONE! THROUGH YOU I HAVE DESTROYED FOREVER THE POWER OF THE WICKED QUEEN... ISRAEL IS FREE!

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I LEAVE YOU--RULE WISELY, JEHU! I HAVE FINISHED MY WORK--BUT IF EVER YOU NEED ME, I WILL RETURN!

YOU HAVE FREED ISRAEL FROM A WICKED WOMAN. I PROMISE TO RULE WISELY, TO OBEY YOU, AND TO FOLLOW GOD'S WILL!

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SO ELISHA COMPLETED THE TASK GOD HAD GIVEN HIM, AND THE LAND OF ISRAEL WAS AT PEACE FOR MANY YEARS UNDER KING JEHU ---



The Story of

# ISAIAH\*

A GREAT PROPHET OF THE JEWS

FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS

\*SPELLED ISAIAH IN THE DOUAY VERSION

**T**WENTY-SIX CENTURIES AGO, FAR TO THE NORTH AND EAST OF THE LITTLE HEBREW KINGDOMS ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE GREAT EMPIRE OF ASSYRIA GREW STRONG AND BUILT UP MIGHTY ARMIES WHICH CONQUERED ALL THE THEN-KNOWN WORLD AND MARCHED EVER NEARER TO THE LANDS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.....

WHEN OUR KING APPEASED THEM WITH SILVER, THEY TOOK IT - BUT THEIR ARMIES CAME BACK AGAIN!

MY SON ISAIAH - HE FEELS IT DEEPLY!

GOD PUNISHES US BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE ARE WICKED!

**Y**OUNG ISAIAH, AFLAME WITH THE LOVE OF GOD AND OF HIS PEOPLE, SAW A WONDROUS VISION ONE DAY IN THE TEMPLE...

HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD OF HOSTS!

THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY!

WOE IS ME! FOR I AM UNDONE! MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE KING, THE LORD OF HOSTS!

WHOM SHALL I SEND TO TELL MY PEOPLE?

HERE I AM - SEND ME!



SO ISAIAH BECAME A PROPHET, CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF WARNING THE HEEDLESS HEBREWS OF THEIR FATE ~~~



THE LORD HATH SPOKEN: "CEASE TO DO EVIL - LEARN TO DO WELL - RELIEVE THE OPPRESSED - JUDGE THE FATHERLESS - PLEAD FOR THE WIDOW. .... WHAT MEAN YE THAT YE BEAT MY PEOPLE TO PIECES AND GRIND THE FACES OF THE POOR?" SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS. THEREFORE IS THE ANGER OF THE LORD KINDLED AGAINST HIS PEOPLE, AND HE HATH STRETCHED FORTH HIS HAND AGAINST THEM, AND HATH SMITTEN THEM!

BUT LIKE MANY ANOTHER PROPHET, ISAIAH WAS WITHOUT HONOR IN HIS OWN COUNTRY ~~~



DOOM IS APPROACHING - IF ONLY I COULD MAKE MY PEOPLE SEE!

I HAVE NO TIME!

WE'LL BE LATE TO THE FEAST!

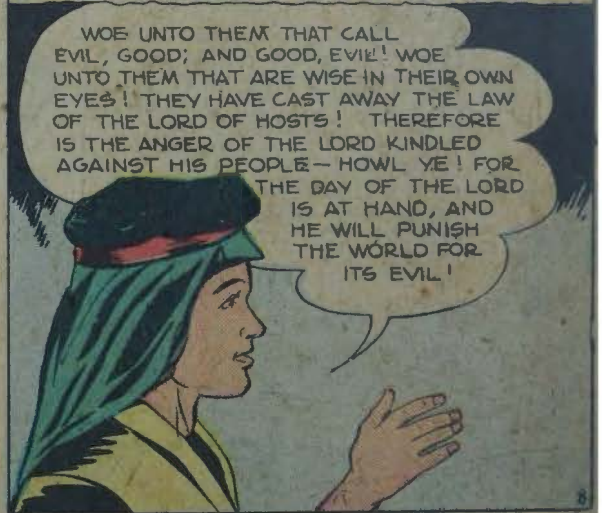
MEANWHILE THE GREAT ASSYRIAN ARMIES UNDER TIGLATH-PILESER WERE ON THE MARCH, MOVING ALWAYS NEARER TO JERUSALEM ~~~



NOTHING WILL STOP US! WE'LL CONQUER THE WHOLE WORLD!

SOON WE'LL VANQUISH THE HEBREWS AND MAKE THEM OUR SLAVES!

ISAIAH CONTINUED TO TALK TO HIS PEOPLE ~~~



WOE UNTO THEM THAT CALL EVIL, GOOD; AND GOOD, EVIL! WOE UNTO THEM THAT ARE WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES! THEY HAVE CAST AWAY THE LAW OF THE LORD OF HOSTS! THEREFORE IS THE ANGER OF THE LORD KINDLED AGAINST HIS PEOPLE - HOWL YE! FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND, AND HE WILL PUNISH THE WORLD FOR ITS EVIL!

MEANWHILE, TWO NEIGHBORING RULERS, KING PEKAH AND KING REZIN, SOUGHT TO MAKE A DEFENSE PACT AGAINST THE ASSYRIANS AND INVITED KING AHAZ OF JUDAH TO JOIN THEM ~~~



KING AHAZ REFUSES TO JOIN YOU!

HE'S A COWARD!

WE'LL MARCH OUR ARMIES AGAINST JERUSALEM AND FORCE HIM TO JOIN US!

ISAIAH MARRIED A PROPHETESS WHO BORE HIM TWO SONS. ONE DAY, AS ISAIAH WAS TEACHING HIS SONS IN THEIR LITTLE GARDEN ~~~

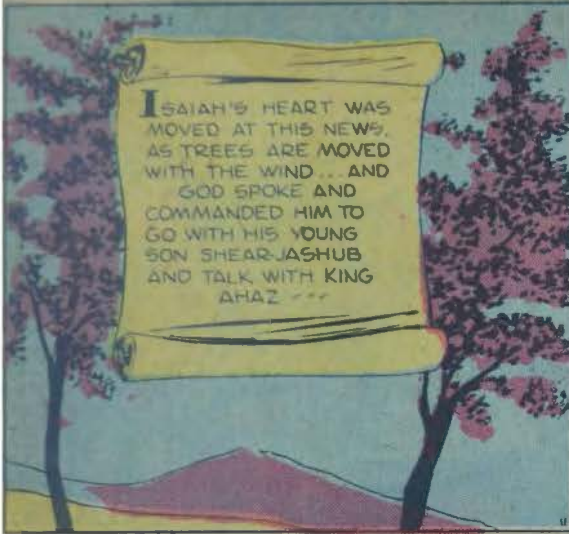


AND WHAT DOES MY NAME MEAN, FATHER?

YOUR NAME, SHEAR-JASHUB, MEANS 'A REMNANT SHALL RETURN UNTO GOD AND BE SAVED.'

HASTEN, ISAIAH! NEWS! JERUSALEM IS BESIEGED!





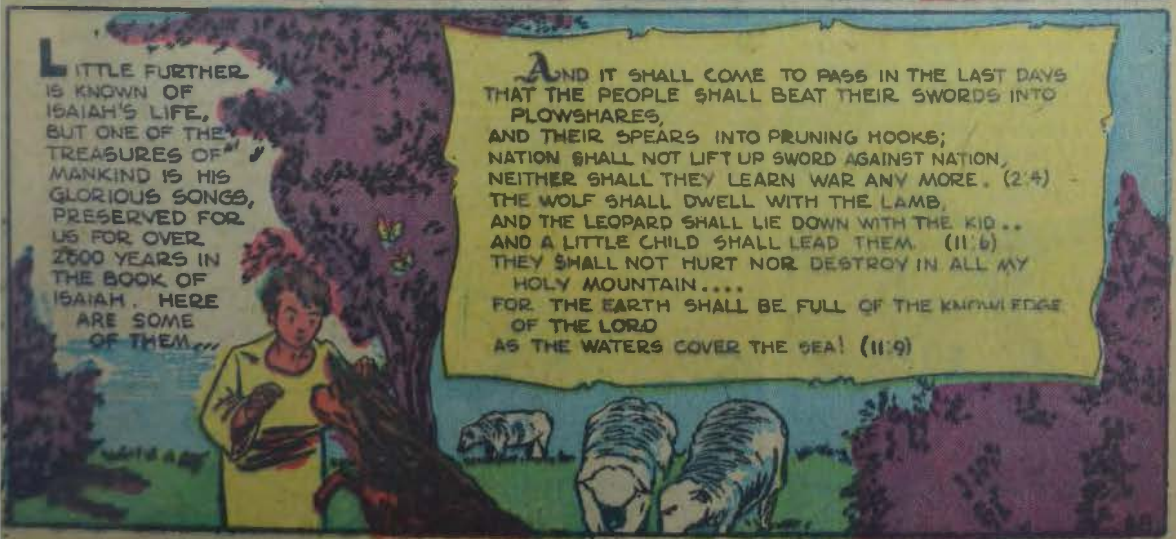
DESPITE AHAZ AND HIS WEAK WILL, THE THREAT TO JERUSALEM WAS WITHDRAWN THAT TIME AND THE CITY WAS SAFE... FINALLY AHAZ, WHO HAD BEEN A WICKED KING, DIED, AND HEZEKIAH, HIS SON — A GOOD MAN — BECAME THE RULER. OVER HEZEKIAH, TOO, HUNG THE SHADOW OF THE POWERFUL NATION ASSYRIA, WITH ITS HUGE AND GREEDY ARMIES, NOW LED BY A NEW KING — SENNACHERIB.













# The Story of JOSIAH

THE YOUNG KING OF THE JEWS

FROM 2ND KINGS, CHAPTERS  
22 AND 23 AND 2ND CHRONICLES,  
CHAPTERS 34 THROUGH 36

IN THE KING JAMES AND  
JPSA. VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE  
FROM 4TH KINGS AND  
2ND PARALIPOMENON  
IN THE DOUAY VERSION.

\* SPELLED JOSIAS IN THE DOUAY VERSION

JOSIAH WAS A BOY OF EIGHT YEARS WHEN HE BECAME THE 17<sup>TH</sup> KING OF THE JEWISH NATION CALLED JUDAH

MY SON, YOU ARE CALLED TO RULE IN TROUBLESOME TIMES!

FOLLOW YOUR MOTHER'S ADVICE AND KEEP CLOSE TO GOD, AND YOU WILL BE A GOOD AND WISE KING!

AS MY ANCESTORS SOUGHT WISDOM, SO MUST I!

DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT AND RULE AS KING DAVID RULED BEFORE YOU!

IDOLATRY HAD TAKEN HOLD OF THE PEOPLE EVEN AMONG MEN OF RANK AND INFLUENCE

IDOLATRY HAS BECOME A NATIONAL EVIL. LET US GET RID OF IT!

UNDER JOSIAH'S DECREE AND PERSONAL SUPERVISION, IDOLS, IDOL TEMPLES AND ALTARS WERE DESTROYED

LET US MAKE A COMPLETE JOB OF IT, SO OUR PEOPLE WILL RETURN TO WORSHIP OF OUR TRUE GOD!

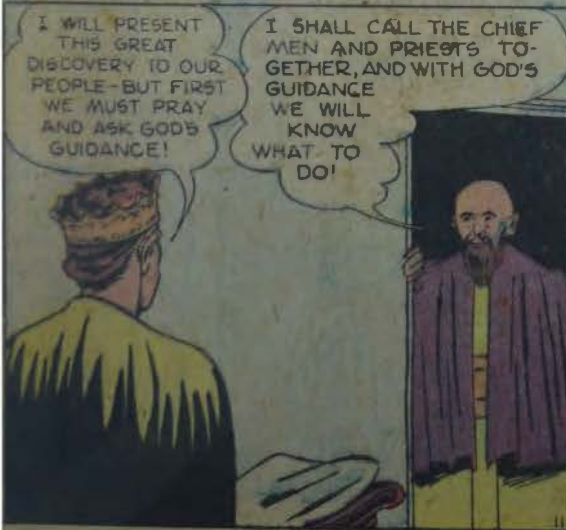
TOO LONG HAVE WE BEEN MISLED!

WHEN THE LAND HAD BEEN PURIFIED FROM IDOLATRY, JOSIAH, NOW A YOUNG MAN OF 26, DECIDED TO REPAIR AND BEAUTIFY THE TEMPLE, LONG NEGLECTED

GO, FAITHFUL SHAPHAN, TO HILKIAH, THE HIGH PRIEST. GIVE HIM THE TEMPLE MONEY AND HAVE HIM GET WORKMEN TO REPAIR THE HOUSE OF GOD!



LONG AGO, FOR FEAR OF ENEMIES, A SACRED BOOK WAS HIDDEN IN JERUSALEM'S TEMPLE AND FORGOTTEN. BUT ONE DAY...

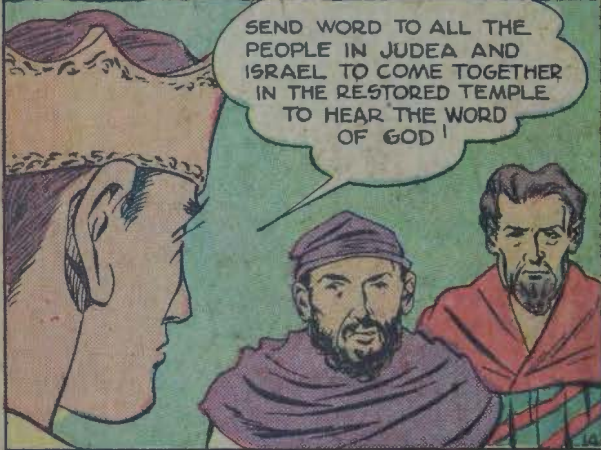


THE PRIESTS DECIDE TO CONSULT A HOLY AND INSPIRED WOMAN NAMED HULDAH





TO MAKE THE EVENT IMPRESSIVE, JOSIAH DECIDED TO RENEW THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSOVER FEAST, A CUSTOM LONG NEGLECTED ---



SEND WORD TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN JUDEA AND ISRAEL TO COME TOGETHER IN THE RESTORED TEMPLE TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD!

AN EIGHT-DAY CELEBRATION WAS HELD WITH SINGING AND FESTIVITY BY MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE, DURING WHICH TIME JOSIAH READ FROM THE LOST BOOK ---



THESE COMMANDMENTS ARE THE SACRED WORDS OF MOSES. LET US PROMISE TO OBEY THEM!

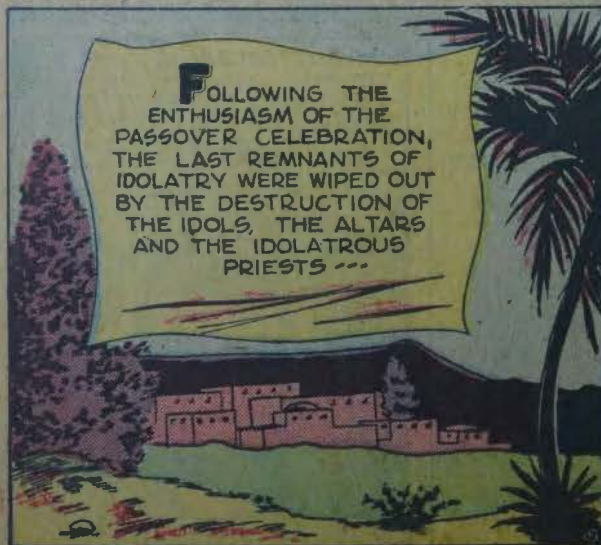
GOD GRANT WE NEVER NEGLECT THE BOOK AGAIN!

THE CELEBRATION INCLUDED GREAT FEASTS FROM THE KING'S ROYAL BOUNTY OF SUPPLIES ---



THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE. THE LAWS OF GOD HAVE NOW BEEN PUT TO WORK. OUR NATION IS BEING UNITED AS IN THE DAYS OF DAVID!

FOLLOWING THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE PASSOVER CELEBRATION, THE LAST REMNANTS OF IDOLATRY WERE WIPED OUT BY THE DESTRUCTION OF THE IDOLS, THE ALTARS AND THE IDOLATROUS PRIESTS ---



BUT TIMES WERE BAD - EGYPT THREATENED ---



THE POWER OF EGYPT IS COMING! A VAST ARMY!

WE'LL GO TO MEET THEM!



JOSIAH, CALLING THE ARMY, TAKES THE LEAD.



ON THE PLAIN OF ESDRAELON ---



THE EGYPTIANS BREAK INTO THE FORT ---



AFTER JOSIAH'S DEATH AND ISRAEL'S DEFEAT, JOSIAH'S SON, JEHOAHAZ, TOOK HIS PLACE ON THE THRONE.



BUT AFTER THREE MONTHS JEHOAHAZ WAS IMPRISONED BY PHARAOH - NECHOH, AND ELIAKIM, ANOTHER SON OF JOSIAH, WAS PLACED UPON THE THRONE AND RENAMED JEHOIAKIM.



# The Story of ESTHER

QUEEN OF PERSIA

FROM INDIA TO ETHIOPIA REIGNED A KING, WHOSE NAME WAS AHASUERUS. HE ORDERED MESSENGERS TO BE SENT THROUGHOUT THE LAND TO SEEK A FAIR MAIDEN TO BE CHOSEN FOR HIS QUEEN~



ARRANGED FROM THE  
BOOK OF ESTHER

THE MESSENGERS, KING AHASUERUS, HAVE BEEN SENT!

THE UNMARRIED MAIDENS WILL BE CARED FOR HERE UNTIL I CHOOSE ONE TO BE MY QUEEN OF PERSIA!

HEGE, KEEPER OF THE WOMEN, WATCHES OVER THOSE WHO FLOCK TO THE COURT AT SHUSHAN~

ALL WILL HAVE CARE AND A HEARING, SO BE PATIENT!

NOW AMONG THEM WAS ESTHER, WARD OF MORDECAI, THE ISRAELITE~

MORDECAI SAID MY BEAUTY WOULD WIN THE KING!-I MUST BE NICE TO HEGE, THE CHAMBERLAIN!

I AM PLEASED WITH YOU, MAIDEN!- BUT BE PATIENT!

I MUST NOT SAY I'M AN ISRAELITE YET!

MORDECAI KEPT WATCH DAILY ~~~

I'LL WATCH AND WAIT FOR NEWS EACH DAY- ESTHER WILL GET MESSAGES TO ME!

IN THE 7TH YEAR OF THE KING'S REIGN, ESTHER COMES BEFORE AHASUERUS

YOU PLEASE ME - COME, STAND UP!



SO ESTHER IS CHOSEN  
QUEEN ABOVE ALL ~



YOU ARE NOW MY  
QUEEN, ESTHER!

I  
SHALL  
BE FAITHFUL,  
SIRE!

A FESTIVAL IS HELD ~



THIS FETE, IN  
CELEBRATION  
OF THE QUEEN,  
IS  
SPLENDID!

ESTHER WILL  
MAKE A  
WONDERFUL  
QUEEN!

SHE  
IS SO  
BEAUTIFUL!

EARLY EACH MORNING, MORDECAI IS AT  
THE KING'S GATE. HE OVERHEARS A PLOT ~



ALL IS READY  
TO SEIZE  
THE KING,  
TERESH?

YES,  
BIGTHAN!  
- WE'LL  
LAY HANDS  
ON  
AHASUERUS!

MORDECAI DASHES TO GIVE WARNING ~



THE KING'S LIFE IS  
IN DANGER. I'LL GET WORD  
TO ESTHER! SHE'LL  
TELL HIM!!

ESTHER WARNS THE KING AND  
THE PLOTTERS ARE CAPTURED.



YOU AND MORDECAI  
HAVE SAVED THE  
KING'S LIFE  
!

MORDECAI  
WARNED ME -  
HE WILL  
BE PRAISED!

SO IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE RECORDS  
THAT MORDECAI SAVED THE KING'S LIFE ~



... BUT MORDECAI  
DISCOVERED THE  
PLOT AND THE MEN  
WERE HANGED!



THE KING HAD PROMOTED ONE OF HIS PRINCES, HAMAN, AND ORDERED ALL THE PEOPLE TO BOW BEFORE HIM--



THAT ISRAELITE, MORDECAI, DID NOT BOW, HAMAN!

I AM WRATHFUL! HE SHALL BE MADE TO HONOR ME!!



HAMAN GOES TO THE KING WITH AN EVIL SCHEME--



I SHALL MAKE THE DECREE TO DESTROY, TO KILL, TO CAUSE TO PERISH, ALL JEWS IN ONE DAY--THE 13TH DAY OF ADAR, THE 12TH MONTH--AND TAKE THEIR PROPERTY!



MORDECAI SENDS WORD TO ESTHER THAT SHE MUST APPEAL TO THE KING TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HER PEOPLE--



TO THIS MORDECAI SENDS WORD--"IF YOUR PEOPLE PERISH, YOU WILL PERISH. YOU MUST SAVE US!"

I'LL DO IT! LET MORDECAI AND THE JEWS FAST AND PRAY. THEN I'LL GO TO THE KING, IF I HAVE TO DIE FOR IT!







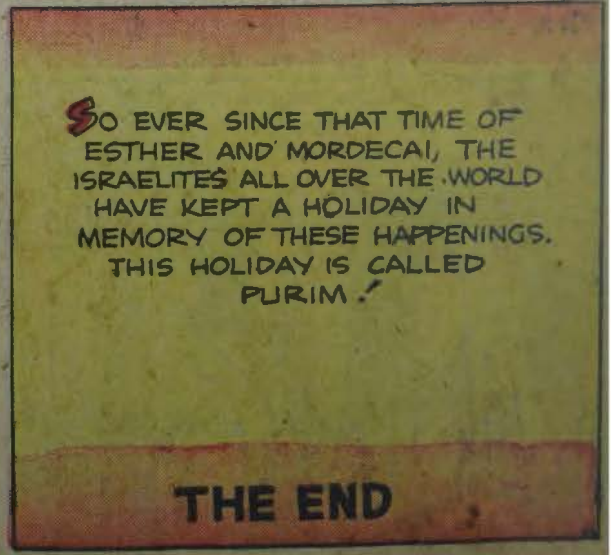














# The Story of The Prophet JEREMIAH

FROM THE BOOK OF  
JEREMIAH IN ALL THREE  
VERSIONS OF THE  
BIBLE

\*SPELLED JEREMIAS IN THE DOUAY VERSION



IN HIS EARLY YEARS, JEREMIAH KNEW THAT HE HAD A LIFE WORK TO PERFORM //



NOW AT THAT TIME THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH WAS IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLED DAYS. HER PEOPLE WEAKENED BY EVIL, WERE BE-SET FROM WITHOUT BY THE ARMIES OF SCYTHIAN CONQUERORS //

THAT TIME, THE SCYTHIANS WERE BEATEN BACK. BUT STILL THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH LIVED WICKED LIVES, OPPRESSING THE POOR, MURDERING, AND BREAKING THE COMMANDMENTS //

GOD COMMANDED JEREMIAH TO LIFT HIS VOICE AGAINST THESE WRONGS //

STOP THIS CAROUSING! THE CITY WILL BE LOST! THE SCYTHIAN ARMIES ARE MARCHING AGAINST US!



HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD! DO NO WRONG, DO NO VIOLENCE TO THE STRANGER, THE FATHERLESS OR THE WIDOW, NOR SHED INNOCENT BLOOD!







IF YOU DO, FOREIGN ARMIES SHALL ENTER IN AT OUR GATES AND SIT ON THE THRONE OF OUR KING, AND THE LAND OF JUDAH WILL BE DESOLATE!



THE KING HAS FORBIDDEN ME TO PREACH, BUT GOD'S MESSAGE MUST REACH MY PEOPLE IN SOME WAY— THEREFORE, BARUCH, SINCE YOU CAN WRITE, PUT DOWN THESE WORDS ON THIS SHEEPSKIN PARCHMENT—

BUT KING JEHOIAKIM SEIZED THE WRITINGS AND BURNED THEM



CRAZY PROPHET! I'LL BURN WHAT HE WRITES!

GOD THEN COMMANDED JEREMIAH TO TAKE ANOTHER PARCHMENT AND TO LET BARUCH WRITE AGAIN ALL THE WORDS WHICH WERE IN THE FIRST PARCHMENT

AND JEREMIAH'S PROPHECY CAME TRUE AS THE ARMIES OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR, KING OF BABYLON, BESIEGED JERUSALEM



THE BABYLONIANS FINALLY CONQUERED, AND THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH WERE CARRIED OFF TO CAPTIVITY



WHILE NEBUCHADNEZZAR PLACED ON THE THRONE A KING NAMED ZEDEKIAH WHO WOULD DO HIS BIDDING



NEBUCHADNEZZAR ORDERS THAT WE CROWN YOU KING!

DO AS WE TELL YOU AND YOU'LL PROSPER!

I'LL DO YOUR BIDDING, MASTERS!



THE KING GAVE PERMISSION TO HIS COUNCILLORS TO THROW THE PROPHET JEREMIAH INTO AN UNDERGROUND DUNGEON, TO SILENCE HIS TEACHINGS



MEANWHILE, IN THE PALACE OF KING ZEDEKIAH, EBBED-MELECH, THE ETHIOPIAN, SPEAKS UP FOR JEREMIAH



A FEW YEARS LATER ZEDEKIAH, INFLUENCED BY THE RULERS OF EGYPT, REBELLED AGAINST NEBUCHADNEZZAR, AND BROUGHT DOWN ON THE CITY ONCE MORE THE ARMIES OF BABYLON



THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM (588 B.C.) WAS ONE OF THE MOST HORRIBLE IN BIBLICAL HISTORY. IT LASTED A YEAR AND A HALF. FIRE, SWORD AND FAMINE MADE TERRIBLE SUFFERING FOR THE PEOPLE.



IN THE BLACKEST MOMENT, ZEDEKIAH REMEMBERED THE WISE PROPHET JEREMIAH AND SENT FOR HIM









BUT TROUBLE SOON COMMENCED FOR GEDALIAH WAS SLAIN BY A MAN WHO DISTRUSTED HIM

HELP! I'VE BEEN STABBED!

NOW, MORE TROUBLE!

WHAT WILL BABYLON DO ABOUT THIS?

WE'LL BE MADE TO SUFFER!

LET'S GO INTO THE LAND OF EGYPT WHERE WE SHALL SEE NO WAR, NOR HEAR THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPETS NOR BE HUNGRY FOR BREAD - AND THERE WILL WE DWELL!

LET'S ASK JEREMIAH WHAT HE THINKS!

AND THE LORD GOD SAYS, YOU MUST NOT GO INTO EGYPT, BUT REMAIN HERE IN YOUR OWN LAND. DO NOT BE AFRAID, HE SAYS, FOR I AM WITH YOU, AND WILL SAVE YOU, IF ANY GO INTO EGYPT, DOOM WILL OVERTAKE THEM THERE ANYWAY!

NEVERTHELESS, THIS LITTLE REMNANT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WENT INTO EGYPT, DISOBEYING THE WORD OF THE LORD, AND THEY TOOK JEREMIAH WITH THEM, AGAINST HIS WILL

IT ISN'T SAFE TO STAY! THE BABYLONIANS WILL KILL US!

WE LEAVE TONIGHT FOR EGYPT, AND YOU'LL COME WITH US!

THAT WILL NOT SAVE YOU -- YOU'LL FIND PEACE ONLY THROUGH GOD!

A FEW DAYS JOURNEY NOW, AND WE'RE OUT OF DANGER!

NO! THERE'S NO ESCAPE IN FLIGHT! YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM THINGS!

EGYPT IS NOT FAR OFF NOW -- THEN FREEDOM FROM OUR TROUBLES!

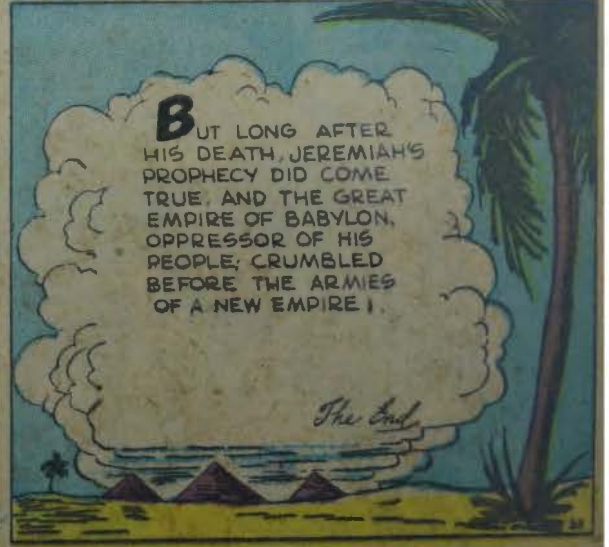
JEREMIAH GAVE US WRONG ADVICE, TELLING US TO STAY!

NO -- FOR YOU WON'T BE FREE WHILE YOU'RE CHAINED TO YOUR WICKEDNESS!





JEREMIAH CONTINUED TO PREACH TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN IN THE DARKNESS AND SORROW OF EXILE.





# The Story of EZEKIEL

*The Prophet who had a Vision of Dry Bones*

FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS OF  
THE BIBLE

SPELLED EZECHIEL IN THE DOUAY VERSION



**W**HEN JERUSALEM FELL AND THE ISRAELITES WERE CAPTURED, KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR COMMANDED THAT THEY BE TAKEN TO BABYLON---

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR ALLOWS US JEWS TO SETTLE IN COLONIES ABOUT BABYLON!

SOME OF US ARE CONTENT WITH OUR NEW HOMES

BUT WILL WE BE FREE?

**O**THERS WEREN'T HAPPY

WE REMEMBER ZION!

HOW CAN WE SING IN A STRANGE LAND?

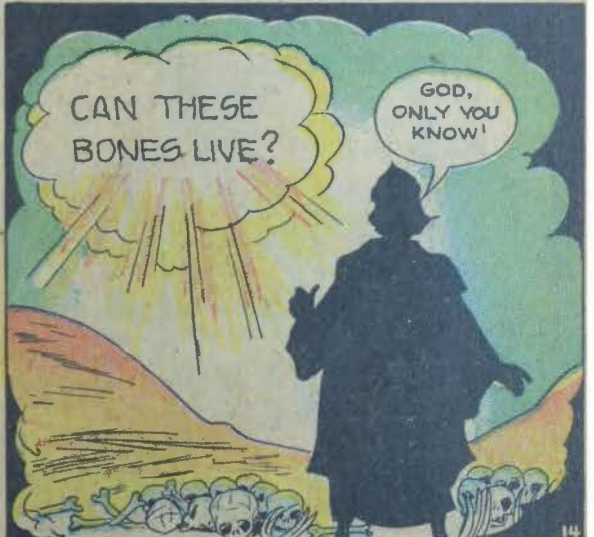
**T**HE WAY THE EXILES FELT IS RECORDED IN THE 137<sup>TH</sup> PSALM

BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON,  
THERE WE SAT DOWN, YEA, WE WEPT,  
WHEN WE REMEMBERED ZION.  
WE HANGED OUR HARPS  
UPON THE WILLOWS IN THE MIDST  
THEREOF FOR THERE THEY THAT  
CARRIED US AWAY CAPTIVE  
REQUIRED OF US A SONG





EZEKIEL HAD ANOTHER DREAM ABOUT A VALLEY OF BONES



AS EZEKIEL WATCHES, IN HIS DREAM, THE BONES TURN INTO PEOPLE













EZEKIEL TALKED TO THE EXILED PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND TOLD THEM OF HIS WONDERFUL VISIONS

AND I SAW THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM BEING REBUILT AGAIN...



AND FROM UNDER THE DOOR CAME A BEAUTIFUL STREAM, AND EVERYWHERE THESE WATERS WENT THEY TOOK HEALING WITH THEM....

THIS USED TO BE THE DEAD SEA NO FISH COULD LIVE IN IT, BUT NOW THERE ARE MANY FISH. EVERYTHING LIVES WHEREVER THE RIVER COMES!



AND ON THE BANK OF THIS WONDERFUL RIVER GREW TREES WHOSE LEAVES NEVER WITHERED, AND WHOSE FRUIT WAS SO ABUNDANT IT COULD NEVER BE USED UP. THE FRUIT SHALL BE OUR FOOD, AND THE LEAVES OUR MEDICINE



BUT WHAT CAN THAT VISION MEAN, MASTER?

THE TEMPLE IS OUR FAITH IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. THE RIVER THAT FLOWS OUT OF THE TEMPLE IS THE TRUTH WHICH BRINGS LIFE AND HEALING TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH. THE FRUIT IS THE FRUIT OF TRUTH AND WILL NOURISH US!



BUT THE TEMPLE MUST BE PURIFIED, AND OUR LIVES MUST BE GOOD IN EVERY WAY, OR THE RIVER WILL DRY UP!



**E**ZEKIEL DIED IN THE LAND OF EXILE, BUT MEN REMEMBERED HIS TEACHINGS, AND AFTER MANY YEARS HIS FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN WERE FREED FROM THE BABYLONIANS, AND WENT BACK TO REBUILD THE HOLY TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM, AS EZEKIEL HAD DREAMED IN HIS VISION.





# The Story of NEHEMIAH\*

*The Rebuilder of the Jerusalem Wall*

FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS OF  
THE BIBLE

\*SPELLED NEHEMIAS IN THE DOUAY VERSION



THE PROUD CITY OF JERUSALEM HAD STOOD THROUGH MANY WARS, BUT NEBUCHADNEZZAR AND HIS HOSTS FROM BABYLON FINALLY CONQUERED IT AFTER THREE YEARS OF SIEGE

NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAS WON A GREAT VICTORY!

WE BABYLONIANS WILL RAZE JERUSALEM TO THE GROUND, AND CARRY THE PEOPLE OFF AS OUR SLAVES!



SO THE HEBREWS BECAME STRANGERS IN STRANGE LANDS. MANY SETTLED IN BABYLON, BUT THEY NEVER FORGOT THEIR HOMELAND

IT'S BEAUTIFUL HERE, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HOME!

I AM SO HOMESICK FOR OUR LAND OF ZION!

SING ONE OF OUR HEBREW SONGS!

LISTEN, THEN—



BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON, THERE WE SAT DOWN. YEA, WE WEPT, WHEN WE REMEMBERED ZION. IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM, LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET HER CUNNING. IF I DO NOT REMEMBER THEE, LET MY TONGUE CLEAVE TO THE ROOF OF MY MOUTH; IF I PREFER NOT JERUSALEM ABOVE MY CHIEF JOY!



NEBUCHADNEZZAR, THE CONQUEROR, WAS AT LAST CONQUERED BY CYRUS, EMPEROR OF THE MEDES AND THE PERSIANS. CYRUS WAS FRIENDLY TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

YOU CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WHO WERE CARRIED INTO CAPTIVITY SHALL GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY AND BUILD YOUR TEMPLE AGAIN!



SO 42,360 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN ALL, RETURNED TO THE RUINED CITY OF JERUSALEM

WE WILL REBUILD OUR TEMPLE, AND OUR CITY!

OUR NATION WILL BE GREAT AGAIN!



BUT ENEMIES TOLD CYRUS THAT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE PLOTTING AGAINST HIM

OUR ENEMIES TOLD THE KING WE PLAN TO REBEL!

CONSPIRATORS!

NOW THE KING HAS DECREED WE MUST STOP BUILDING THE TEMPLE!





THROUGH LONG YEARS, AS KING FOLLOWED KING, THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SOUGHT IN VAIN FOR PERMISSION TO REBUILD THEIR BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE. AT LAST A NEW KING, ARTAXERXES, CAME TO THE THRONE.

JERUSALEM WAS A REBELLIOUS CITY. IF YOU LET THE PEOPLE REBUILD THE TEMPLE, THEY WILL NOT PAY TRIBUTE TO YOU ANY LONGER!

THEN I FORBID THEM TO REBUILD IT!

ARTAXERXES' CUP-BEARER WAS A MAN NAMED NEHEMIAH, DESCENDANT OF ONE OF THE EXILED FAMILIES FROM JERUSALEM.

I LIKE TO HAVE YOU AROUND ME, NEHEMIAH—YOU'RE SO CHEERFUL!

THANK YOU, SIRE!

ONE DAY, NEHEMIAH HAD SOME VISITORS.

MY BROTHER, HANANI! WELCOME!

I HAVE COME FROM JERUSALEM TO VISIT YOU, AND THESE ARE MY FRIENDS!

UNTIL LATE THAT NIGHT, NEHEMIAH AND HIS GUESTS TALKED OF THEIR HOMELAND—

AND IS JERUSALEM STILL IN RUINS?

IF YOU COULD SEE WHAT A WRECK OUR CITY IS, YOU WOULD WEEP, NEHEMIAH!

AND NEHEMIAH PRAYED.

MY PEOPLE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU, LORD. AND YOU HAVE SAID, I WILL SCATTER THEM ABROAD AMONG THE NATIONS. BUT IF WE KEEP YOUR COMMANDMENTS, YOU HAVE SAID, YOU WOULD GATHER US TOGETHER AND BRING US BACK AGAIN TO OUR OLD HOME! OH, HEAR MY PRAYER, LORD!

YOU ARE NOT SICK, NEHEMIAH—WHY ARE YOU SO SAD, THEN?

WHY SHOULD I NOT BE SAD, SIRE, WHEN THE CITY OF MY FATHERS LIES IN RUINS!

O KING, SEND ME TO JERUSALEM AND LET ME REBUILD THE CITY WALL!

VERY WELL. ONCE I FORBADE YOUR PEOPLE TO REBUILD LEST THEY GROW PROUD AND REBEL—BUT I TRUST YOU, NEHEMIAH—YOU MAY GO!



**ESCORTED BY THE KING'S HORSEMEN, NEHEMIAH ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM. ENEMIES BEGIN THEIR WORK...**

LOOK, TOBIAH, THAT'S NEHEMIAH. HE'S COME TO REBUILD THE WALL. A TROUBLEMAKER!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, SANBALLAT!



**MEANWHILE, NEHEMIAH CALLED THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM TOGETHER...**

SEE HOW JERUSALEM, THE CITY OF YOUR FATHERS, LIES WASTE! LET US REBUILD THE WALL OF JERUSALEM!

WE'LL DO IT!

WE'LL ALL WORK!



**SANBALLAT AND TOBIAH MOCK NEHEMIAH'S EFFORTS...**

HO! SO YOU'RE REBUILDING THE WALL? REBELLING AGAINST THE KING, THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

CALL THAT A WALL? A FOX COULD KNOCK IT OVER

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT HERE!



**DAY AFTER DAY THE WALL ROSE...**

YOU'RE WORKING WELL! NOTHING CAN STOP YOU!



**NOW SANBALLAT AND TOBIAH MADE A PLOT URGING THE HOSTILE TRIBESMEN AROUND JERUSALEM TO ATTACK NEHEMIAH AND HIS WORKERS...**

NEHEMIAH IS YOUR ENEMY!

HE MAY ATTACK YOU! ATTACK HIM FIRST!

WE'LL RAID JERUSALEM AND TEAR DOWN HIS WALL!



**A MESSENGER TELLS NEHEMIAH...**

THE TRIBES ARE MASSING TO ATTACK US. SANBALLAT PUT THEM UP TO IT!

HALF OF OUR MEN MUST ARM THEMSELVES WITH SWORDS AND SPEARS-THEY WILL GUARD THE WALL WHILE THE REST OF US WORK!



DON'T BE AFRAID OF THEM! FIGHT FOR YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS YOUR WIVES AND YOUR HOMES!

DAY AND NIGHT WE'LL GUARD AND WORK!



**KNOWING THE HEBREWS WERE READY, THE TRIBESMEN NEVER ATTACKED, AND WORK WENT FORWARD ON THE WALL...**

**NOW CAME MORE TROUBLE- THIS TIME FROM WITHIN JERUSALEM...**

WHILE WE WORK ON THE WALL, WE CANNOT FARM OUR LAND! WE MUST BORROW FROM THE RICH TO PAY OUR TAXES!

WHEN WE CAN'T REPAY THEY TAKE OUR FARMS AND VINEYARDS!





**NEHEMIAH FACES THE RICH MONEY LENDERS**



**THEIR OTHER PLOTS HAVING FAILED, SANBALLAT AND TOBIAH HATCH NEW SCHEMES TO WRECK NEHEMIAH'S WORK**



**NEHEMIAH WRITES AN ANSWER**







AFTER THE JERUSALEM WALL WAS BUILT, THEY HELD A CELEBRATION. IT HAD BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THE BIBLE HAD BEEN READ ALOUD TO THESE CONQUERED PEOPLE -- BUT NOW EZRA THE PRIEST READ IT --



THE WALL WAS DEDICATED WITH SINGING AND WITH HARP PLAYING



NOW THAT HIS WORK WAS DONE, NEHEMIAH KNEW HE MUST RETURN TO KING ARTAXERXES AGAIN





SO NEHEMIAH LIVED IN PERSIA FOR TWELVE YEARS - THEN HE RETURNED TO JERUSALEM

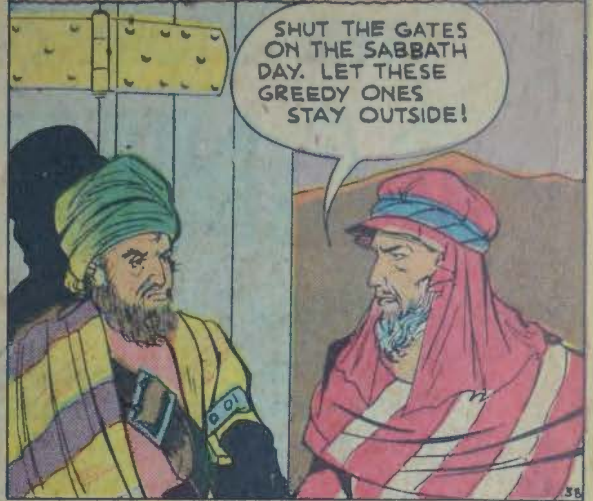
DO YOU SEE MANY CHANGES, NEHEMIAH?

YES, AND FOR THE WORSE! GREED EVERYWHERE - ON THE SABBATH MEN THINK ONLY OF MAKING MONEY!



NEHEMIAH INSTRUCTS THE GATEKEEPER

SHUT THE GATES ON THE SABBATH DAY. LET THESE GREEDY ONES STAY OUTSIDE!



NEHEMIAH FINDS DESECRATION IN THE TEMPLE

WHAT'S THIS, ELIASHIB? YOU'RE PROFANING THE TEMPLE! GET OUT - AND STAY OUT!



HE THEN WARNS THE PEOPLE

YOUR FATHERS DID EVIL AND BROUGHT ALL THIS TROUBLE ON US! DO YOU WANT TO DO THE SAME?

WE WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT, NEHEMIAH!

NO! NO!



SO NEHEMIAH REFORMED THE EVILS THAT HAD ARISEN AMONG HIS PEOPLE AND BROUGHT THEM TO OBEY THE LAWS OF GOD



AND IN HIS OLD AGE HE WROTE THIS STORY IN A BOOK - AND ENDED IT, 'REMEMBER ME, O MY GOD, FOR GOOD!'

THE END





# THE STORY OF DANIEL

## PART ONE

ARRANGED FROM THE OLD  
TESTAMENT BOOK OF DANIEL  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS.

MENE, MENE,  
TEKEL,  
UPHARSIN.

GOD HATH  
NUMBERED THY  
KINGDOM AND FINISHED IT.

THOU ART WEIGHED IN THE  
BALANCES, AND ART FOUND  
WANTING.  
THY KINGDOM IS DIVIDED, AND  
GIVEN TO THE MEDES AND  
PERSIANS.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR, KING OF THE CHALDEANS, OVERTHREW  
JERUSALEM AND TOOK THE CAPTIVES, INCLUDING DAN-  
IEL AND HIS THREE COMPANIONS, BACK TO BABYLON----

GATHER THE HANDSOMEST,  
HEALTHIEST AND MOST INTEL-  
LIGENT ISRAELITE BOYS AND  
GIVE THEM THREE  
YEARS OF TRAINING  
IN OUR LANGUAGE  
AND CUSTOMS!

YES, MASTER,  
THEY SHALL BE  
TRAINED!

DANIEL AND HIS THREE  
FRIENDS WERE AMONG  
THOSE CHOSEN--THEY SOON  
DREW THE ATTENTION OF  
THEIR TEACHER----

WE START TRAINING WITH  
NEW NAMES--I, DANIEL, AM  
CALLED BELTESHAZZAR.

WE ARE  
FAVORED  
AT THE  
KING'S  
COURT!

YOU MUST LEARN OUR  
WAYS OF EATING  
AND DRINKING, AND GET  
USED TO YOUR NEW NAMES!

WE HAVE STARTED  
BY ACCEPTING NEW NAMES--  
I, HANANIAH, AM SHADRACH,  
MISHAEL IS  
NOW MESHACH.

I  
AZARIAH  
BECAME ABED-NEGO!

DANIEL RESOLVED IN HIS HEART THAT HE WOULD NOT  
DEFILE HIMSELF BY EATING THE KING'S RICH FOOD  
AND DRINKING HIS WINE----

GIVE PLAIN FOOD AND WATER  
TO US FOUR BOYS  
FOR TEN DAYS--  
THEN SEE IF WE ARE  
NOT IN BETTER  
CONDITION THAN  
THE OTHERS!

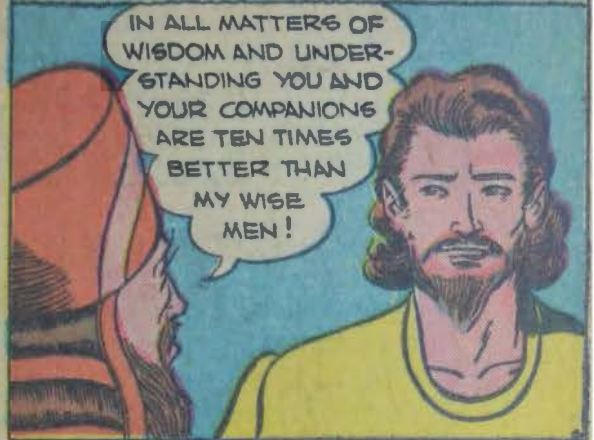
I'LL DO IT, BUT  
I MAY LOSE MY HEAD  
FOR DISOBEYING THE  
KING'S ORDERS!



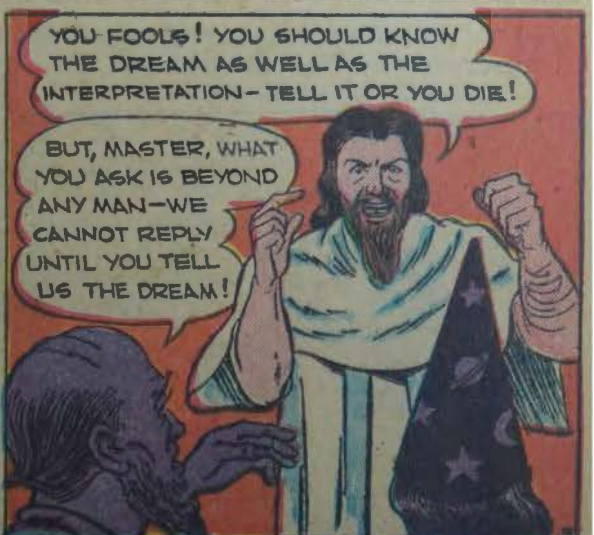
THE LADS DID SO WELL ON PLAIN FOOD, THAT IT WAS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE THREE YEARS ~~~



THE YOUTHS REPLIED TO ALL QUESTIONS AND SHOWED THEMSELVES CLEVER, WHICH PLEASED NEBUCHADNEZZAR ~~~

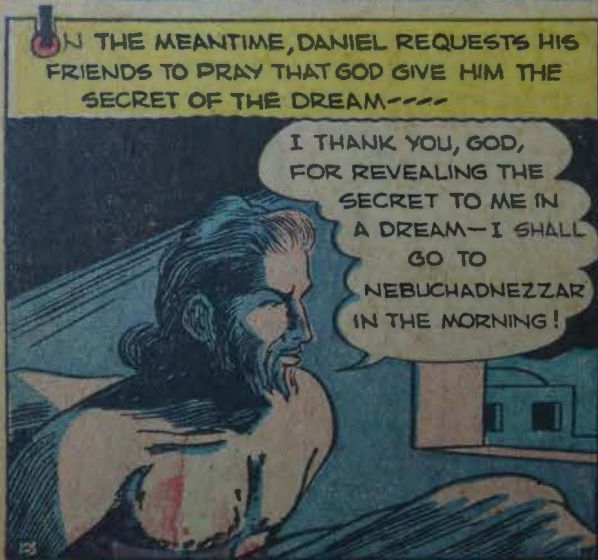


**N**OT LONG AFTERWARD, NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD DREAMS THAT TERRIFIED HIM SO HE COULD NOT SLEEP ~~~





**DANIEL SPEAKS WITH THE KING'S HEAD GUARDSMAN**









**SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABED-NEGO REFUSED TO OBEY AND SO THEY WERE ACCUSED OF DEFYING BABYLON'S KING ---**

WE ACCUSE CERTAIN HEBREWS AND SHALL POINT THEM OUT!-THEY REFUSE TO WORSHIP NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S GOD!



**NATURALLY THE KING WAS FURIOUS ---**

BRING TO ME THESE THREE HEBREWS AT ONCE!-MY DECREES SHALL BE OBEYED!

THEY SHALL BE HERE INSTANTLY, SIRE!



IS IT THEN TRUE THAT YOU WILL NOT BOW DOWN TO THE IMAGE OF MY GOD?

WE SERVE ONLY OUR GOD, WHO WILL DELIVER US-WE WILL NOT SERVE YOUR GODS!

IF WE SUFFER, WE SUFFER. WE SHALL WORSHIP ONLY THE TRUE GOD!



THROW THESE YOUTHS INTO THE FIERY FURNACE-MAKE IT SEVEN TIMES HOTTER!



**AT THE KING'S ORDERS, HIS MEN BOUND THE THREE ISRAELITES WITH ALL THEIR CLOTHES ON AND THREW THEM INTO THE FURNACE, AND WERE THEMSELVES KILLED BY THE INTENSE HEAT---**

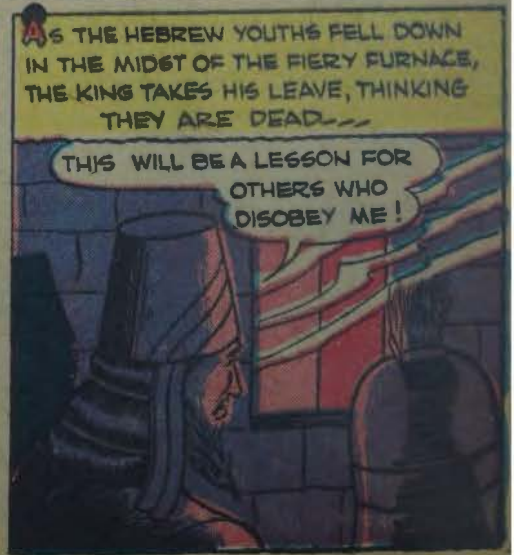
I CAN'T STAND IT-I'M DYING!

THIS TERRIFIC HEAT-WE PERISH!

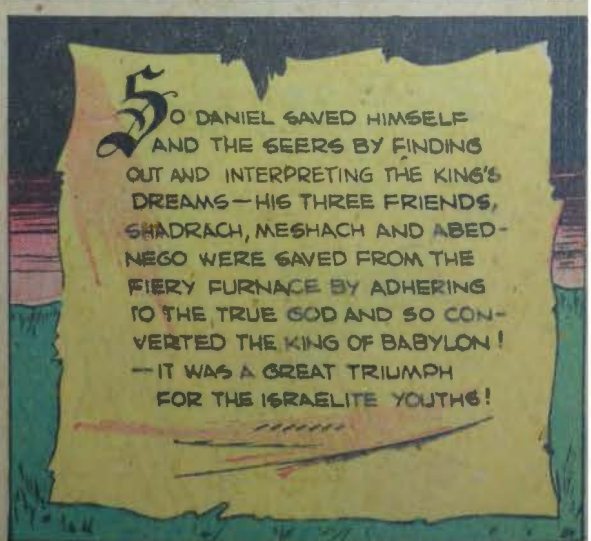


**AS THE HEBREW YOUTHS FELL DOWN IN THE MIDST OF THE FIERY FURNACE, THE KING TAKES HIS LEAVE, THINKING THEY ARE DEAD---**

THIS WILL BE A LESSON FOR OTHERS WHO DISOBEY ME!









AFTER MANY YEARS, BELSHAZZAR, THE SON OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR, BECAME KING— HE LOVED PLEASURE ONLY ---



LET'S MAKE MERRY, FOR WHO KNOWS, TOMORROW WE MAY DIE!— BRING IN THE SACRED GOLDEN VESSELS TAKEN FROM JERUSALEM!

I, BELSHAZZAR, THE SON OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR, AM RICH AND GREAT—NONE CAN SAY WHAT I SHALL DO!



SUDDENLY, AS THE KING LIFTED A GOLDEN VESSEL, A STRANGE HAND APPEARED ON THE WALL, AND WAS WRITING ---



IT IS IN A STRANGE TONGUE, I CAN'T READ IT!

IT SPELLS DOOM!

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN

DANIEL IS CALLED TO INTERPRET IT ---

O KING, THAT IS A SIGN AND YOU SURELY SHALL FALL NOW, QUICKER THAN YOUR FATHER DID— FOR YOU HAVE DEFILED THE HOLY VESSELS AND DEFILED OUR GOD!



WHO IS STRONGER THAN I AM?

**GOD, SIRE!** THE MEDES AND PERSIANS ARE EVEN NOW COMING TO SEIZE BABYLON!



AND SO IT WAS—DANIEL SPOKE ARIGHT ---

IT HAS HAPPENED!—KING BELSHAZZAR IS DEAD AND DANIEL THE ISRAELITE IS PROCLAIMED RULER—BUT THE PERSIANS AND MEDES ARE CONQUERING US ALL!





# THE STORY OF DANIEL

## PART TWO

FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL  
IN ALL THREE VERSIONS



KING DARIUS, HEADING THE MEDES AND PERSIANS, CONQUERS  
BABYLON IN A SWIFT SIEGE ----



AND WHEN DARIUS SAT IN THE  
KING'S PALACE HE MADE  
DECREES ---

OVER THE PROVINCES OF MY  
EMPIRE NOW ESTABLISHED, I  
SHALL PLACE 120 PRINCES --

THERE IS ONE HERE  
WHO SHALL BE  
MADE  
FIRST !



YEA!- THERE SHALL BE  
OVERLORDS OVER THE  
PRINCES- DANIEL SHALL BE  
THE FIRST AND SHALL SERVE  
UNDER ME !



NOW WHEN THE OFFICIALS  
WERE APPOINTED, THE NEW  
PROVINCIAL RULERS WERE  
JEALOUS OF DANIEL ---

LET'S FIND  
SOMETHING  
WRONG AND  
REPORT HIM  
TO THE KING !

WHAT CAN  
WE SAY?-  
HE SEEMS  
TO HAVE  
NO  
FAULTS !



OUR ONLY CHANCE  
IS TO TRIP HIM IN THE  
FAITHFUL WORSHIP OF HIS  
GOD-LET'S HAVE THE KING  
SIGN A DECREE FOR THE  
PEOPLE TO WORSHIP  
ONLY DARIUS !





WE SUGGEST A DECREE, O KING, THAT FOR THIRTY DAYS NO ONE IS TO PRAY TO ANY GOD OR MAN EXCEPT YOU—SHOULD ANYONE DISOBEY, THEN CAST HIM INTO THE DEN OF LIONS!

— I WILL SIGN, FOR I AM SUPREME ON EARTH!

WHEN THE DECREE WAS SIGNED, IT BECAME A LAW OF THE MEDES AND PERSIANS WHICH COULD NOT BE ALTERED— DANIEL IS TOLD OF THIS NEW LAW ----

THEY ARE TRYING TO CATCH ME, BUT I SHALL CONTINUE TO PRAY AND WORSHIP MY GOD!

SO DANIEL IN HIS ROOM CONTINUED TO KNEEL AND PRAY THREE TIMES EACH DAY WITH HIS WINDOWS OPEN TOWARD JERUSALEM, HIS CHILDHOOD HOME ---

O, GOD, STRENGTHEN ME AND KEEP ME TRUE TO MY PROMISE TO WORSHIP ONLY THEE!

LOOK!

DANIEL DOES NOT OBEY THE DECREE OF THE GREAT KING!

NOW HE IS TRAPPED!

DARIUS, SORRY FOR THE DECREE WHICH HE HAD BEEN TRICKED INTO SIGNING, HOPED IN SOME WAY TO SAVE DANIEL. ---

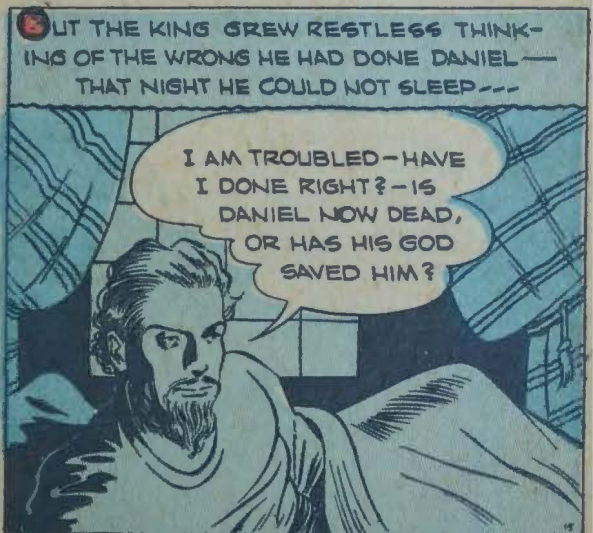
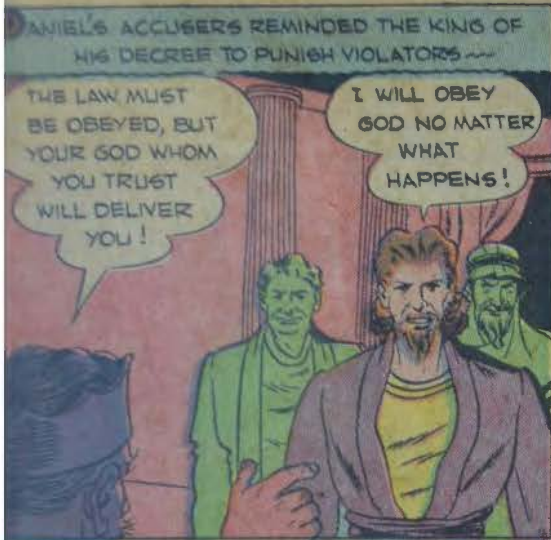
ARE YOU SURE THAT DANIEL WAS PRAYING TO HIS GOD?—BRING HIM TO ME!

THE PUNISHMENT, O MIGHTY KING, IS THE DEN OF LIONS!

THE KING COMMANDS YOU TO APPEAR AT ONCE, DANIEL! —COME!

I SUPPOSE YOU ARE SATISFIED NOW TO HAVE YOUR EVIL PLANS WORKING OUT!







EARLY NEXT MORNING DARIUS HASTENS TO THE LION'S DEN



DANIEL, HAS YOUR GOD BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER YOU?



O KING, LIVE FOREVER — MY GOD HAS SENT HIS ANGEL, AND HAS SHUT THE LIONS' MOUTHS, THAT THEY HAVE NOT HURT ME!



THEN WAS THE KING VERY HAPPY THAT DANIEL STILL LIVED—HE CALLED THE GUARD

QUICK! COME AT ONCE! — OPEN THE DEN AND FREE DANIEL WHO IS ALIVE! —



HURRY, HURRY, MEN!

ALL TOGETHER NOW AND WE WILL HAVE IT OPEN!



MY LORD GOD SAVED ME, SIRE!

I AM GLAD YOU ARE SAFE — THOSE JEALOUS MEN TRICKED ME INTO SIGNING THAT DECREE — NOW I WILL CAST THEM INTO THE LIONS' DEN!





THE WICKED PLOTTERS WERE PUT TO DEATH—  
KING DARIUS ACCEPTED DANIEL'S GOD AND  
COMMANDED THE PEOPLE TO ACCEPT HIM ALSO—

I AND MY PEOPLE  
WILL NOW WORSHIP  
YOUR GOD! COME  
SERVE ME AS  
BEFORE!

YOU ARE A WISE  
KING TO RECOGNIZE  
THE LIVING GOD—  
I WILL SERVE YOU  
FAITHFULLY IN MY  
RESTORED  
POSITION!



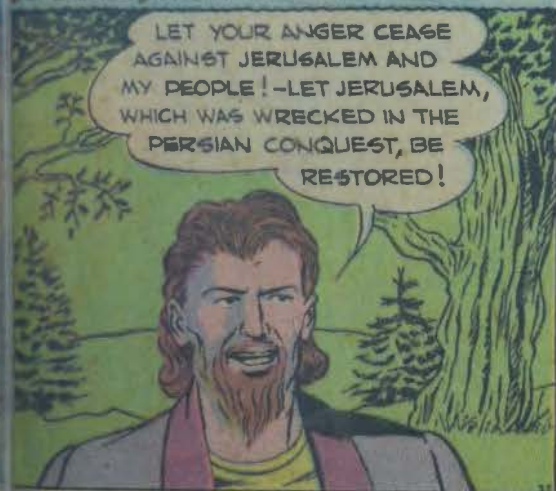
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, DANIEL HAD  
MANY PROPHETIC DREAMS—HE OFTEN FASTED  
AND PRAYED TO GOD WEARING SACKCLOTH—

GOD OF MY FATHERS,  
GREAT AND POWERFUL GOD WHOM  
I LOVE, HEAR MY VOICE FOR I KNOW  
THAT TROUBLESOME TIMES ARE AHEAD!



SO DANIEL ASKS A FAVOR OF HIS GOD---

LET YOUR ANGER CEASE  
AGAINST JERUSALEM AND  
MY PEOPLE!—LET JERUSALEM,  
WHICH WAS WRECKED IN THE  
PERSIAN CONQUEST, BE  
RESTORED!



SUDDENLY—



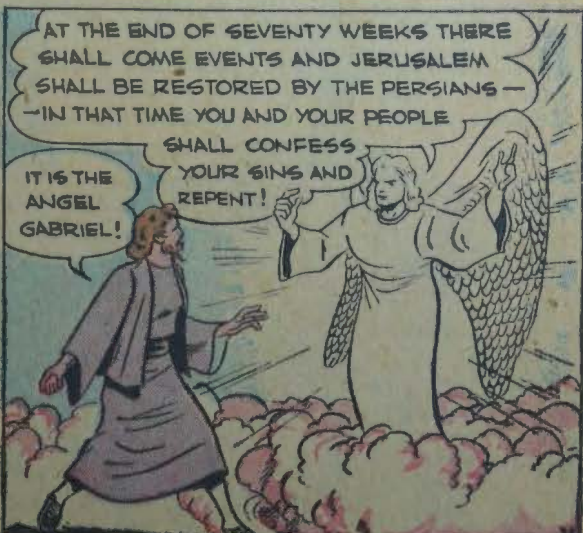
I HAVE COME  
TO GIVE YOU  
UNDERSTANDING,  
DANIEL!



AT THE END OF SEVENTY WEEKS THERE  
SHALL COME EVENTS AND JERUSALEM  
SHALL BE RESTORED BY THE PERSIANS—  
—IN THAT TIME YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE

SHALL CONFESS  
YOUR SINS AND  
REPENT!

IT IS THE  
ANGEL  
GABRIEL!





**M**ANY THINGS HAPPENED SOON AFTERWARD — JERUSALEM WAS RECONSTRUCTED — DARIUS DIED, SUCCEEDED BY CYRUS WHO CEMENTED A MIGHTY PERSIAN EMPIRE IN ASIA MINOR —



**O**NE DAY DANIEL WALKS BY THE BANKS OF THE RIVER HIDDEKEL AND SEES A VISION, BUT THOSE WITH HIM SEE IT NOT —



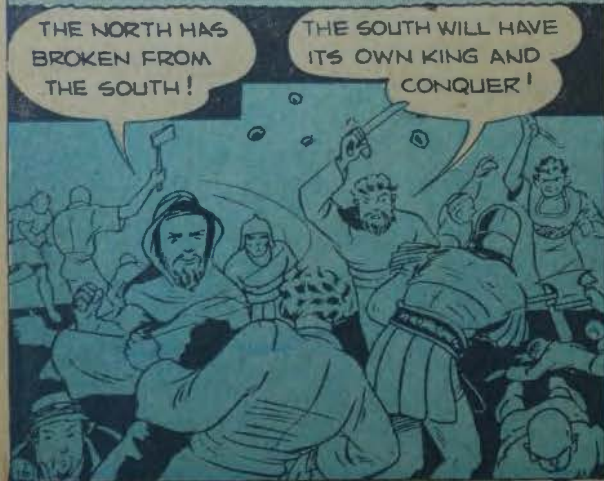
**T**HE MEN SAW NOT THE VISION — BUT A GREAT FEAR FELL UPON THEM, SO THAT THEY FLED TO HIDE THEMSELVES —



**I**N TIME THE KING OF GREECE INVADES PERSIA AND UPSETS THE EMPIRE AND A PERIOD OF CHAOS BEGINS —



**A**ND CIVIL WARS START, WHILE SECTIONS OF PERSIA SET UP THEIR OWN PETTY RULERS —



**T**HE GREEKS MARCH IN —





NOT LONG AFTERWARD A NEW INVADER APPEARED  
—THE ROMANS!— THEY SCATTERED ALL  
OPPOSITION BEFORE THEM —



MANY FELL-BURNINGS WERE FREQUENT  
IN PERSIA AND CONFUSION REIGNED —



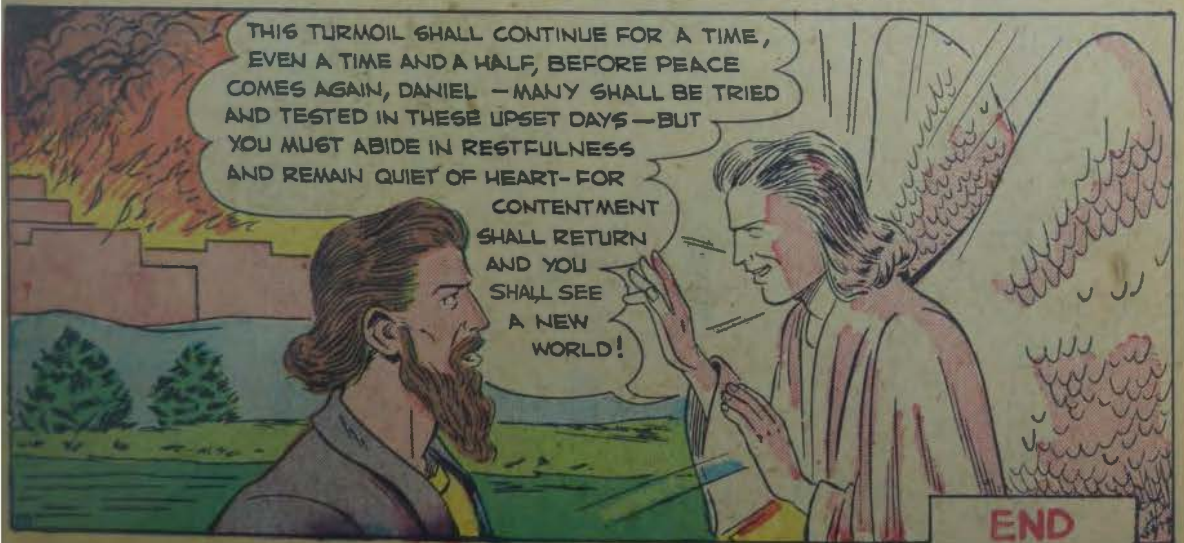
SO ROME TOOK PERSIA AND ADDED  
ASIA MINOR DOWN TO THE BORDERS  
OF EGYPT —



THEN THE HEAVENS BURST OPEN AND THE  
ANGEL MICHAEL APPEARS TO DANIEL —

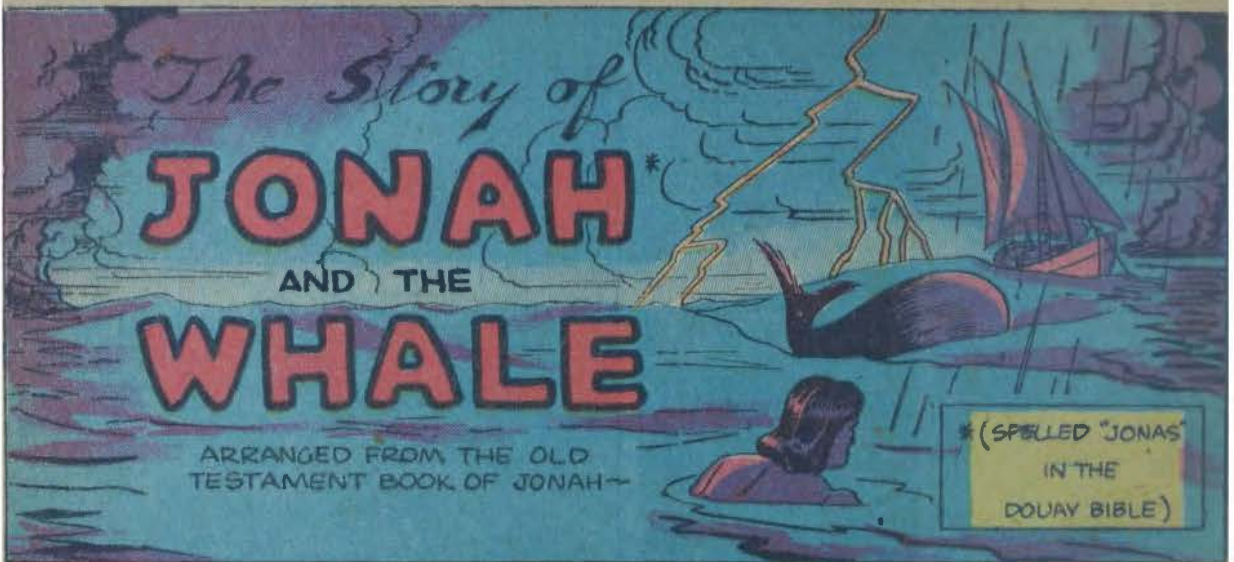


THIS TURMOIL SHALL CONTINUE FOR A TIME,  
EVEN A TIME AND A HALF, BEFORE PEACE  
COMES AGAIN, DANIEL — MANY SHALL BE TRIED  
AND TESTED IN THESE UPSET DAYS — BUT  
YOU MUST ABIDE IN RESTFULNESS  
AND REMAIN QUIET OF HEART — FOR  
CONTENTMENT  
SHALL RETURN  
AND YOU  
SHALL SEE  
A NEW  
WORLD!



END





NOW THE ANCIENT CITY OF NINEVEH WAS VERY WICKED, SO THE LORD COMMANDED JONAH, THE SON OF AMITTAI, TO GO THERE AND PREACH AGAINST THE SINS OF THE CITY~

"ARISE, JONAH, AND GO TO NINEVEH AND GIVE THEM MY MESSAGE TO CEASE THEIR EVIL!"



BUT JONAH DISOBEYS~

I CANNOT DO WHAT THE LORD WANTS ME TO. NO! INSTEAD, I'LL RUN AWAY! I'LL LEAVE THE COUNTRY!



JONAH ARRIVES AT THE SEAPORT OF JOPPA AND FINDS A SHIP~

I'LL ASK WHERE THIS SHIP IS BOUND FOR.





**S**UDDENLY, AS THE SHIP SAILS ON~



**E**ACH SAILOR, AFRAID, CALLED ON  
HIS GOD TO SAVE HIM~



**T**HROW OVER OUR  
CARGO AND  
EXCESS WEIGHT  
SO THAT THE  
SHIP WILL  
FLOAT!!



**S**O THEY THREW OVER THEIR CARGO.  
THE STORM DID NOT ABATE~



**B**UT IN THE BOTTOM  
OF THE SHIP LIES JONAH, ASLEEP!



WHAT MEANS  
THIS? YOU SLEEP  
THROUGH A  
TEMPEST?









THE SAILORS CALL UPON JONAH'S GOD--



SO JONAH WAS THROWN INTO THE RAGING WATERS----



NOW THE LORD SENT A GREAT FISH TO WHERE JONAH WAS--



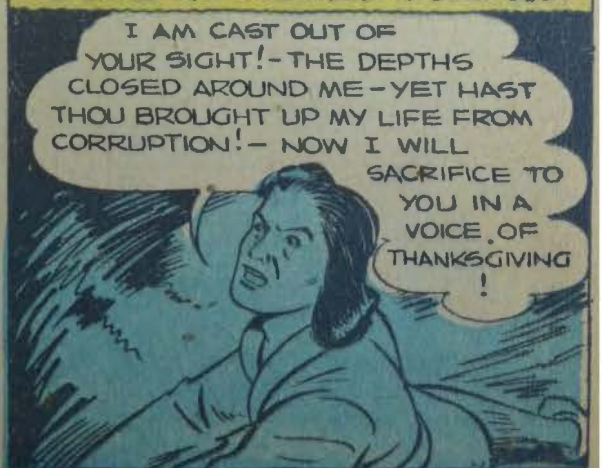
AND THE GREAT FISH SWALLOWED JONAH ALIVE!



THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS, JONAH WAS IN THE STOMACH OF THE GREAT FISH.



IN THE GREAT FISH'S STOMACH, JONAH REPENTED AND PROMISED TO OBEY GOD.





SO THE LORD HEARD JONAH'S PRAYER AND CAUSED THE GREAT FISH TO SWIM TOWARD THE LAND--

"JONAH HAS REPENTED, AND WILL BE CAST ASHORE AND MADE FREE!"



THE GREAT FISH CASTS JONAH ASHORE



WHEN THE LORD SPOKE TO JONAH--

"ARISE, GO AT ONCE TO NINEVEH, AND PREACH AS I BID YOU!"

YES, LORD!



NOW I MUST NOT BE AFRAID, BUT DO AS THE LORD, MY GOD ASKS!-IN THREE DAYS I REACH NINEVEH!



SO JONAH FINALLY OBEYED, AND REACHED NINEVEH, AND PREACHED--

IN FORTY DAYS SHALL NINEVEH BE DESTROYED!



THE PEOPLE LISTENED AND REPENTED--

WE SHALL PRAY THIS DAY, TO BE SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH!

GOD MAY YET SPARE US IF WE REPENT.





THE KING HIMSELF LAID ASIDE HIS ROYAL ROBE AND ASKED THE PEOPLE TO PRAY AND FAST --

IF MY PEOPLE TURN FROM THEIR EVIL WAYS, GOD MAY SPARE US !



JONAH SPEAKS AGAIN IN ANGER ----

NINEVEH SHALL FALL BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN WICKED !

BUT EVEN THE KING HAS LAID ASIDE HIS ROYAL ROBES FOR SACKCLOTH !



BUT GOD REPENTED, AS THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH SAW THEIR EVIL WAYS AND CHANGED--GOD SPOKE TO JONAH AT EVENING ----

"BE NOT ANGRY, JONAH!--I SHALL SAVE NINEVEH WHICH HAS REPENTED OF WRONG DOING !"



BUT JONAH WAS ANGRY THAT THE LORD CHOSE TO SPARE NINEVEH, AFTER HE PREDICTED ITS DESTRUCTION--



I SHALL SIT ON YONDER HILL ON THE EAST SIDE OF NINEVEH AND WATCH WHAT HAPPENS !



DURING THE NIGHT, GOD MADE A VINE GROW TO SHELTER JONAH THE NEXT DAY FROM THE BURNING SUN AND EAST WIND --





-BUT LATER CAUSED THE VINE TO WITHER.

I AM FAINT FROM THE HEAT,  
NOT HAVING THE COOL LEAVES  
OF THE VINE TO PROTECT  
ME. I WISH I WERE DEAD!

THE LORD SPEAKS TO JONAH--

"IF I WAS SORRY FOR YOU  
AND MADE THE VINES TO  
GROW TO RELIEVE YOUR SUFFERING  
FROM THE HEAT, SHOULD I NOT  
MUCH MORE HAVE PITY UPON  
NINEVEH WITH ONE HUNDRED  
AND TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE?  
SHOULD I THEN PUNISH THEM  
WHEN THEY HAVE REPENTED?"

I HAVE BEEN SELFISH  
AND WRONG BUT  
NINEVEH HAS REPENTED  
AND WILL BE  
SAVED!

JONAH BIDS FAREWELL TO NINEVEH,  
PREPARING TO GO HOME ---

GOD HAS SEEN  
FIT TO SPARE YOU,  
SO DO THE RIGHT  
THING ALWAYS AND  
NINEVEH SHALL  
STAND!

NOW WE  
SHALL LIVE  
HAPPILY!

THEN, JONAH WENT HOMeward, CONTENTED! HIS WORK DONE AT LAST! ---

NOW ALL IS  
ACCOMPLISHED,  
AND I NO LONGER  
HAVE TO BE AFRAID!

END



# The Story of The MACCABEES

FROM THE BOOKS OF THE MACCABEES WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN SOME EDITIONS OF THE KING JAMES VERSION AND FOUND IN FULL IN THE DOUAY VERSION OF THE BIBLE.

SPELLED MACCABEES IN THE DOUAY VERSION

**B**ARELY ONE HUNDRED YEARS AFTER JERUSALEM HAD BEEN REBUILT BY NEHEMIAH, THE CITY WAS THREATENED AGAIN BY THE ADVANCING ARMIES OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT. HE FOUGHT MANY BATTLES AND SUBDUED NATIONS AND PRINCES; AND THEY BECAME TRIBUTARIES TO HIM...

(1 MACC. 1, 2 AND 5)

LIKE ALL DICTATORS IN HISTORY ALEXANDER THE GREAT (SON OF THE FAMOUS PHILIP OF MACEDONIA) BECAME VAINGLORIOUS OVER HIS CONQUESTS... FORGETTING THAT DEATH IN THE END AWAITED HIM

NOW ALEXANDER'S DEAD, WE'LL SPLIT THE EMPIRE BETWEEN US, PTOLEMY!

I'LL RULE EGYPT! YOU TAKE SYRIA, ANTIOCHUS!

LATER, ANTIOCHUS WAGED WAR ON EGYPT. THEN HE MARCHED HIS ARMIES AGAINST ISRAEL AND TOOK THE CITY OF JERUSALEM.

WE CAN'T FIGHT— WE HAVE NO WEAPONS!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

NOTHING BUT SURRENDER!

NOW HARD TIMES WILL COME!

I'M AFRAID!

THEY WILL OPPRESS OUR PEOPLE!



THE FEARS OF THE PEOPLE WERE WELL-FOUNDED. ANTIOCHUS BECAME A CRUEL AND MERCILESS DICTATOR



ANTIOCHUS ALSO ORDERED THAT THE HOLY BOOKS OF THE HEBREWS BE DESTROYED BY FIRE

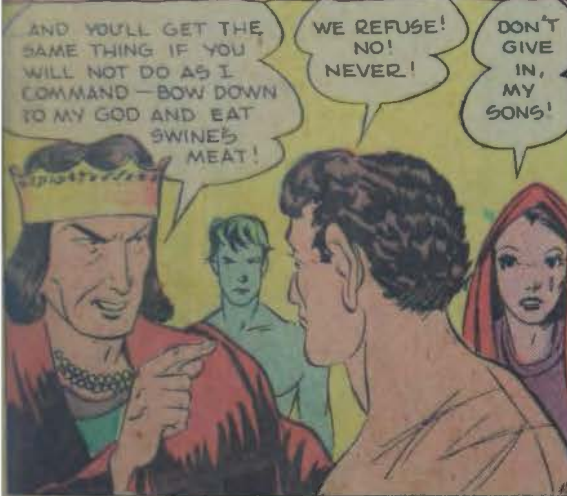




AGAIN THEY DEFY THE KING'S ORDERS !!!



WHEN THE FIRST SON HAD BEEN TORTURED !!!



THE SECOND SON WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE KING !!!



THEN HEAT THE CAULDRON FOR HIM TOO!

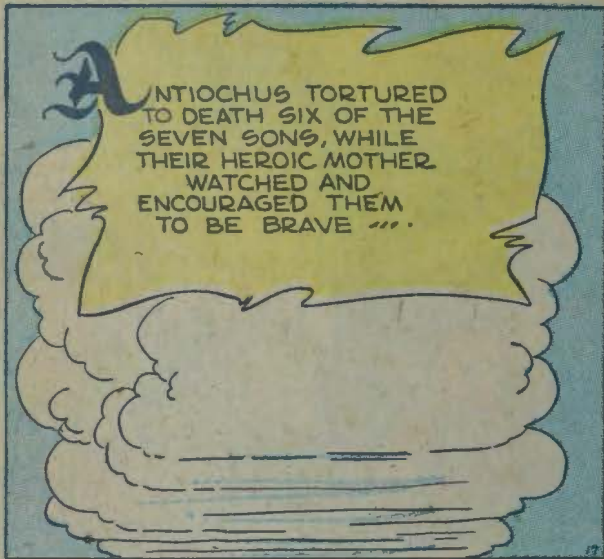
GOD WILL NOT FORSAKE US WHO DIE FOR HIM!



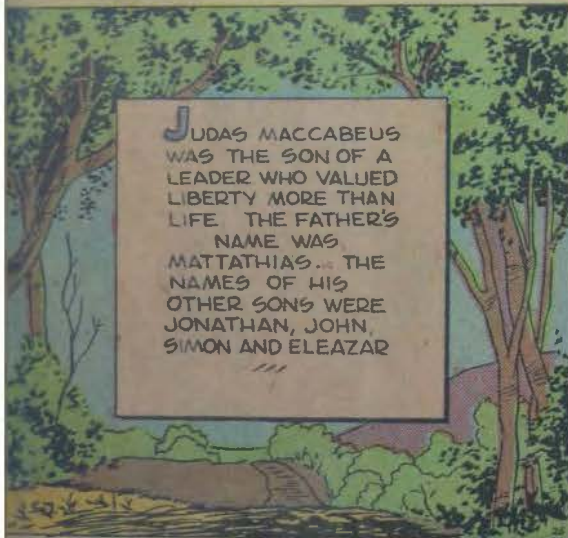
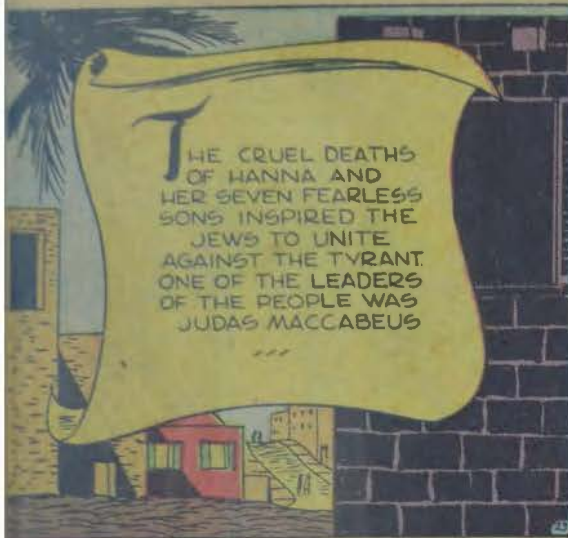
THE NEXT BROTHER WAS STILL MORE STUBBORN !!!















THOSE WHO WANT TO RESIST THE TYRANT, FOLLOW ME! WE'LL FLEE TO THE MOUNTAINS AND FIGHT FROM THERE!



THE FAITHFUL FLOCKED TO JOIN MATTATHIAS AND THEY GREW INTO AN ARMY

I'VE COME TO JOIN YOU, MATTATHIAS! I WANT TO FIGHT THE TYRANT!

HUNDREDS ARE JOINING US, EVERY DAY!



ANTIOCHUS SENT ARMED FORCES AGAINST THE REBELS. THE TYRANT'S SOLDIERS OVERTOOK PART OF MATTATHIAS' LITTLE BAND ONE SABBATH DAY WHILE THEY WERE AT WORSHIP WITH THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN....



THE HEBREWS WERE DRAGGED OUT OF THEIR TEMPLE AND SLAIN



ONE MAN ESCAPED AND MADE HIS WAY TO MATTATHIAS

WHAT'S THIS?

TERRIBLE NEWS. MATTATHIAS!



THEY DIED KEEPING THE SABBATH — THEY WOULD NOT FIGHT ON THE HOLY DAY!

IF WE DO THAT ALSO, WE'RE LOST! SABBATH OR NO, WE'LL FIGHT FOR OUR GOD!



**A**TTACKING QUICKLY BEFORE THEY WERE ATTACKED, MATTATHIAS' RAGGED BANDS HARASSED THE ENEMY AND WON A GREAT VICTORY.



WE'VE WON! YOU FOUGHT WELL, JUDAS!

NOT FOR NOTHING DO MEN CALL ME "MACCABEUS"—THE HAMMERER!



ONE DAY NOT LONG AFTER

THE DAY DRAWS NEAR WHEN I SHALL NO LONGER BE ON THIS EARTH...WHEN I AM GONE, LET JUDAS MACCABEUS LEAD OUR ARMY AND MANAGE THE WAR OF THE PEOPLE!

YES! WE'LL FOLLOW JUDAS!



**F**OR FOUR YEARS, JUDAS MACCABEUS AND HIS BROTHERS FOUGHT LIKE LIONS AT THE HEAD OF THEIR PEOPLE, AND THEIR ENEMIES WERE DRIVEN OUT. THE FEAR OF JUDAS AND HIS BROTHERS FELL UPON ALL THE NATIONS AROUND THEM, AND HIS FAME REACHED THE EARS OF KING ANTIOCHUS, WHO HAD LEFT FOR PERSIA WITH ANOTHER ARMY TO MAKE FURTHER CONQUESTS.

LAST YEAR THIS FELLOW JUDAS MACCABEUS MADE SUCH TROUBLE IN ISRAEL THAT YOUR MAJESTY HARDLY COLLECTED ANY TRIBUTE MONEY THERE!

SEND OUR STRONGEST GENERAL TO ISRAEL TO OVERCOME THIS REBEL ARMY!





SCOUTS BROUGHT WORD TO JUDAS OF THE APPROACHING ARMY //



BEFORE THE BATTLE, JUDAS AND HIS RAGGED MEN WENT TO A PLACE CALLED MASPHA TO PRAY TO GOD //



**N**EXT DAY, WITH HIS TINY FORCE, JUDAS OVERCAME THE INVADERS BY SHEER COURAGE & DARING //



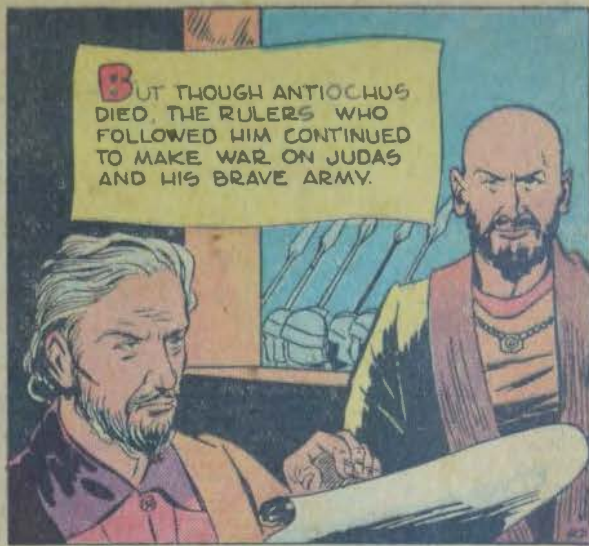
THEN JUDAS AND HIS MEN WENT AND RESTORED THE TEMPLES WHICH THE ENEMY HAD DEFILED //



NEWS OF JUDAS' BRILLIANT VICTORY REACHED KING ANTIOCHUS IN PERSIA //









**F**RIGHTENED BY EXTENT OF JONATHAN'S FORCES, TRYPHON DETERMINED TO WIN BY TREACHERY

WHY DID YOU CALL OUT YOUR TROOPS, JONATHAN? THIS IS NO WAR! SEND THEM HOME, AND COME WITH ME FOR A VISIT TO THE CITY OF PTOLEMAIS!

DARE I?  
YES, I'LL TRUST HIM!

TAKING ONLY A FEW SOLDIERS WITH HIM, JONATHAN WENT WITH TRYPHON - BUT AS SOON AS THEY WERE WITHIN THE CITY

YOU BELIEVED ME!  
NOW YOU'RE IN MY POWER, JONATHAN, AND SHALL DIE!

MY PEOPLE!  
I LEAVE THEM LEADERLESS!

AFTER JONATHAN'S DEATH, THE THIRD BROTHER, SIMON, TOOK THE LEADERSHIP. TRYPHON, WITH AN EVEN LARGER ARMY, THREATENED ISRAEL ONCE MORE

MY FATHER AND ALL MY BROTHERS GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR ISRAEL'S SAKE... NOW I WILL BE YOUR LEADER - WE SHALL YET AVENGE OUR NATION!

WE'LL FIGHT!  
YOU SHALL LEAD US!

SIMON PROVED HIMSELF A GOOD LEADER. AT LENGTH HE AND HIS ARMY DROVE AWAY THE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL

IF MY FATHER AND BROTHERS COULD ONLY SEE THIS DAY!

AND THE PEOPLE MARCHED IN TRIUMPH BACK INTO JERUSALEM!

OUR CITY IS OURS ONCE MORE!

SIMON HAS AVENGED OUR WRONGS!

AND THE ANCIENT CHRONICLE SAYS... AND ALL THE LAND OF JUDAH WAS AT REST DURING THE DAYS OF SIMON, AND HE SOUGHT THE GOOD OF HIS NATION... AND EVERY MAN SAT UNDER HIS VINE AND UNDER HIS FIG TREE, AND THERE WAS NONE TO MAKE HIM AFRAID... SO FOR A TIME, THEIR TROUBLES WERE AT AN END, FOR SIMON AND HIS SUCCESSORS CONTINUED TO RULE FOR MANY YEARS



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